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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CLINICAL INTERNSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH STATE AND PRIVATE COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES TO PLACE STUDENT PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND STUDENT PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS WITH THERAPISTS SERVING AS CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Several post-secondary educational institutions in the South Florida area offer a number of health-related training programs, including programs to train physical and occupational therapists and physical and occupational therapist assistants. Requests have been received from Keiser University, Florida International University, University of Miami, Nova Southeastern University, and Barry University to enter into clinical internship agreements in order for student trainees at these institutions to receive their practicum experience in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) physical and occupational therapy program, effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. Other colleges and universities may make such requests during the school year. These agreements have been in effect since 1992.

The student physical and occupational therapists and therapist assistants will be assigned to a registered physical and/or occupational therapist who will serve as a clinical instructor. Trainees will be supervised by these registered physical and occupational therapists.

There is no exchange of funds.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into clinical internship agreements with state and private colleges, and universities to place student physical and occupational therapists and student physical occupational and therapist assistants, with therapists serving as clinical instructors, effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012; and
2. extend the clinical internship agreements for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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