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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS TO LEASE FACILITIES FOR THE 2011-2012 GRADUATION EXERCISES AND TO PAY FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH GRADUATION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements to lease facilities for the 2011-2012 graduation exercises, June 1, 2012, through June 8, 2012, for all senior high schools. Additionally, authorization is requested to pay for ancillary services associated with graduation, e.g., stagehands, electricians, ushers, parking and parking attendants, and the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, and crowd control dividers. The projected cost for these graduation exercises and ancillary costs is estimated to be \$348,050.

Planning for the 2011-2012 graduation exercises began in August 2011. In the process of site selection, consideration is given to the scheduling of all graduations at sites to accommodate each school's graduation class size. The use of school sites for graduation exercises will be investigated.

Proposed sites for the 2011-2012 graduation rehearsals and exercises for the forty-six (46) senior high schools and three (3) alternative education centers are as follows:

- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
- Coral Gables Women's Club
- Florida International University Graham Center
- Florida International University U.S. Century Bank Arena
- Florida International University Wertheim Center
- Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
- Joseph Caleb Community Center
- Jungle Island Treetop Ballroom
- Manuel Artime Theater
- Miami Beach Convention Center
- Miami-Dade County Auditorium
- Shephard and Ruth K. Broad Auditorium, Barry University
- The Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater
- University of Miami BankUnited Center
- University of Miami James L. Knight Center-Ashe Auditorium

Personnel in the Office of Risk and Benefits Management will review all contracts to include indemnification and insurance provisions.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2011-2012 Adopted Budget under Fund 100000, Functional Area 90160000-510300, GL Account 536000/539000, Cost Center 1972300.

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

1. enter into contractual agreements with the following sites for graduation rehearsals and exercises, June 1, 2012, through June 8, 2012:
  - Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
  - Coral Gables Women's Club
  - Florida International University Graham Center
  - Florida International University U.S. Century Bank Arena
  - Florida International University Wertheim Center
  - Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
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2. enter into agreements for indemnification of the graduation sites listed above; and
3. authorize payment for charges incurred to lease the facilities and to pay for ancillary services associated with graduation, e.g., stagehands, electricians, ushers, parking and parking attendants, and the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, and crowd control dividers, at a total cost not to exceed \$348,050.00.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2011-2012 Adopted Budget.

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