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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AdvancED FOR
SYSTEM ACCREDITATION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with AdvancED, formerly known as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS/CASI) for all Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for system accreditation. Currently, only District high schools are accredited through SACS/CASI.

District administration articulated an interest in exploring the possibility of accrediting all schools in the district. As a result, on January 19, 2012, a readiness visit was conducted involving AdvancED and district personnel to outline the requirements of the system accreditation process.

Currently the district spends approximately \$140,000 annually for accreditation dues and expenditures related to the accreditation of selected senior high schools. AdvancED system accreditation for 327 schools (52 high schools, 59 middle schools, 44 K-8 Centers, 172 elementary schools), is approximately \$98,100 for 2012-2013, \$147,150 for 2013-2014, and \$212,550 for 2014-2015.

The process of implementing district wide accreditation will be the responsibility of the Office of Academics and Transformation.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement, as delineated in the agenda item, with AdvancED, formerly known as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) for all Miami-Dade County Public Schools for system accreditation.

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