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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with the following agencies to provide specialized services to students with disabilities for the continuation of collaborative programs:

<b>Agency/Head of Agency/Effective Date/location</b>	<b>Services provided by Agency</b>	<b>Students served</b>	<b>Services provided by M-DCPS</b>
<b>Special Olympics, Florida, Inc.</b> Mr. Charles M. Castevens, Executive Director (cooperative agreement since 1991)	year-round sports training and competitive activities for participation in school and community recreation	2,860 students with intellectual disabilities	-transportation to Special Olympics activities
<b>Shake-A-Leg Miami</b> Mr. Harry Horgan, CEO (cooperative agreement since 2007)	provides classroom support staff; access to boating, marine science, and recreational activities; computers; and a technology lab	-maximum of 12 students with disabilities, ages 18-22, following modified standards, to support their transition from school-to-work -students receive course credits toward graduation from M-DCPS	-one FTE generated SPED teacher and one paraprofessional, transportation, materials, supplies, and equipment -provide educational and vocational training in a marine industry setting with an environmental/ecological focus

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These programs are evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Special Education and the Division of Life Skills and Special Programs. The evaluations include site visits, and monitoring student records and program delivery models.

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

1. enter into cooperative agreements with the following agencies, for the continuation of collaborative programs to provide services for students with disabilities, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015:
  - a. Special Olympics, Florida, Inc., to provide sports and fitness training and sports competition opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities;
  - b. Shake-A-Leg Miami to facilitate the provision of educational and vocational experiences for students with disabilities; and
2. extend these cooperative agreements for a maximum of 2 additional one year periods

There is no exchange of funds.

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