REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS TO LEASE FACILITIES FOR THE 2017-2018 GRADUATION EXERCISES AND TO PAY FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH GRADUATION

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements to lease facilities for the 2017-2018 graduation exercises, May 30, 2018 through June 7, 2018, 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, the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, crowd control dividers, and the rental of caps and gowns for District and Region administrators who will attend graduations as platform guests. The projected cost for these graduation exercises and ancillary costs is estimated to be $556,600.00.

Planning for the 2017-2018 graduation exercises began in July 2017. 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 considered.

Proposed sites for the 2017-2018 graduation rehearsals and exercises for the fifty-eight (58) senior high schools and seven (7) alternative education and specialized centers are as follows:

- Area Stage Company at the Riviera Theater
- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
- Coral Gables Women’s Club
- Florida International University Graham Center
- Florida International University The Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center
- Ocean Bank Convocation Center at FIU
- Olympia Theater
- James L. Knight Center
- Jungle Island Treetop Ballroom
- Manuel Artime Theater
- Miami-Dade County Auditorium
- Miami Dade College North Campus - Lehman Theater
- Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Performing Arts Center, Barry University
- South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center
- The Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theater
- University of Miami Maurice Gusman Concert Hall
- Watsco Center at the University of Miami

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 2017-2018 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, May 30, 2018, through June 7, 2018:
   - Area Stage Company at the Riviera Theater
   - Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
   - Coral Gables Women's Club
   - Florida International University Graham Center
   - Florida International University The Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center
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2. enter into agreements permitting waiver of the School Board's traditional termination clause, indemnification and hold harmless clauses with 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, the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, crowd control dividers, and the rental of caps and gowns for District and Region administrators who will attend graduations as platform guests, at a total cost not to exceed $556,600.00.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2017-2018 Adopted Budget.