

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY REGARDING ITS HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE EVERYWHERE (HOPE) VI REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FOR SCOTT/CARVER HOMES, FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2000 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2001**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency regarding its HOPE (Home Ownership Opportunity for People Everywhere) VI Revitalization Program (MDHRP) for Scott/Carver Homes. HOPE VI, an initiative of the United States Housing and Urban Development (US HUD), was designed to end the physical, social, and economic isolation of obsolete public housing by recreating and supporting sustainable communities and lifting residents from dependence and persistent poverty. Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA), local businesses, public agencies, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) have joined forces to create MDHRP.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the MDHRP desire to enter into a partnership whereby high school and post-secondary students will be trained by M-DCPS to build and landscape ten homes in the project areas. The intent of this collaborative effort is to reduce unemployment and to expand job opportunities. In addition to vocational training, M-DCPS will provide adult basic education classes as needed. Within the HOPE VI target areas and surrounding communities, over 60 percent of adults 25 years and older have no high school diploma.

The schools involved in the HOPE Project training will recruit high school and post-secondary students from the target population and provide teachers, instruction, equipment, and tools, utilizing already existing programs and monies generated through Workforce Development Act funds.

MDHRP will make available ten lots, two per year, for a period of five years to allow the students to develop skills in construction and landscaping by constructing the homes from start to finish with materials supplied by MDHA. The homes and lots will remain the property of MDHA.

Mr. Rene Rodriguez is the Director of the Miami-Dade Housing Agency.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency regarding its HOPE VI Revitalization Program for Scott/Carver Homes, from February 10, 2000 through February 9, 2001.

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