

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$133,597 FROM THE MIAMI HEAT TO OPERATE AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM ENTITLED THE HEAT ACADEMY AT PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 100 STUDENTS AT EACH SCHOOL DURING THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

Recognizing the need for children to receive extra exposure to academics, particularly reading and mathematics, the Miami HEAT seeks to continue to implement an after-school academics program which will assist children by providing tutoring and enrichment. Using the popularity of professional sports, the Miami HEAT will continue to utilize the HEAT name to entice students to stay in the classroom and, just as in sports, encourage practice in academics to make better students in the classroom.

The Miami HEAT will donate \$133,597 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to operate The HEAT Academy at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School and Little River Elementary School five days a week, four hours a day, free of charge, for 100 students at each school who will be chosen through a random lottery. Funds provided will cover expenses of four teachers, four teacher aides, curriculum materials, daily snacks, supplies, custodial, and security respectively at each school. The HEAT Academy will be managed by a site director hired by the Miami HEAT. Additional enhancements utilizing the resources of the Miami HEAT, such as motivational speakers, incentives, appreciation events, and parental involvement opportunities will also be provided.

The fiscal agent for the program will be Miami Edison Senior High Community School. All procedures as outlined in the *Community School Procedures Manual* will be followed in implementing the program.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School and Little River Elementary School were selected by the Miami HEAT based on their tutorial need as established by recent FCAT scores and the infrastructure available as satellite locations of an existing community school site.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida accept a donation of \$133,597 from the Miami HEAT to operate an after-school program, The HEAT Academy, at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School and Little River Elementary School for 100 students at each school during the 2000-2001 school year.

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