

Management and Accountability
Carol Cortes, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A PILOT PROGRAM FOR 26 SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROVISION 2 PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Federal Government in 1980 through The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program (NSLBP) authorized school districts to participate in the Special Assistance Provision 2 Program. The Superintendent of Schools requests authorization to conduct a pilot program for 26 schools to participate in the Provision 2 project.

Provision 2 allows school districts to require each parent from a particular school to complete a free and reduced-price meal application only once every four years, if the rate of economically needy students at that school is 80 percent or more. By agreeing to participate in Provision 2, the Board agrees to provide meals, including breakfast and lunch, at no charge to all children enrolled at such schools.

The following 26 schools are the highest qualifying schools for free and reduced-price meals and are recommended for the Provision 2 pilot program:

Allapattah Elementary School
Arcoia Lake Elementary School
Chapman, Dr. W.A., Jr. Elementary School
Crowder, Thena Elementary School
Dunbar Elementary School
Edison Park Elementary School
Evans, Lillie C. Elementary School
Floral Heights Elementary School
Holmes Elementary School
King, Dr. Martin L. Elementary School
Liberty City Elementary School
Little River Elementary School
Morningside Elementary School

Orchard Villa Elementary School
Poinciana Park Elementary School
Shawdowlawn Elementary School
West Little River Elementary School
Wheatley, Phillis Elementary School
Young, Nathan Elementary School
Allapattah Middle School
Brownsville Middle School
de Diego, José Middle School
Drew, Charles Middle School
C.O.P.E. Center North
Miami-MacArthur North
Renick, Robert Educational Center

There will be a number of additional benefits derived from this program, such as **improving access to nutritional meals wherein students' performance should increase**, decreasing paperwork, allowing for redirection of personnel hours, and eliminating the need to identify one group of students differently from another.

The direct financial impact of this program for the 2000-01 school year will be \$28,057.20. This amount represents the revenue that will not be collected during the 2000-01 school year. The impact will affect the Special Revenue, School Food Service Fund; however, it is anticipated that this potential deficit will be offset by an expected increase in breakfast participation and a la carte sales. It is not possible at this time to estimate the value of productivity gains through paperwork reduction. An evaluation will be completed during the pilot year of the Provision 2 Program.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to conduct a pilot program for 26 schools to participate in The Provision 2 Program of The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

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