

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED TEACHERS OF DADE TO ESTABLISH A MONTESSORI SATELLITE LEARNING CENTER AT THE UNITED TEACHERS OF DADE HEADQUARTERS, FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with the United Teachers of Dade (UTD) to establish a Montessori Satellite Learning Center at the United Teachers of Dade headquarters currently under construction at 2200 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33132, beginning with the 2001-2002 school year. The UTD Montessori Satellite Learning Center will serve approximately 112 students in grades prekindergarten through second, with 56 students enrolled in its first year in grades prekindergarten (fee supported) and kindergarten.

The UTD Montessori Satellite Learning Center will seek partnerships with business entities in close proximity to the UTD headquarters. As such, employees from these business partners, including the Miami-Dade County Public Schools administrative complex, will also be afforded the benefits of the UTD Montessori Satellite Learning Center.

If approved, Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School will serve as the host elementary school for the UTD Montessori Satellite Learning Center. This school site was selected due to its proximity to the UTD headquarters and for its ability to facilitate the articulation for those students wishing to continue their education within the Montessori model after completion of the second grade.

The cooperative agreement will be effective from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide teachers and other personnel, food service, furniture, equipment, and instructional materials on the same basis as provided to other district schools.

A copy of the cooperative agreement will be provided to Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

There will be no exchange of funds for this cooperative agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with the United Teachers of Dade to establish a Montessori Satellite Learning Center at the United Teachers of Dade headquarters, 2200 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33132, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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