

School Operations  
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S DR. JOHN T. MACDONALD FOUNDATION SCHOOL HEALTH INITIATIVE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MIAMI-DADE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (MDAHEC), TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES TO STUDENTS AT SABAL PALM, FULFORD, AND GREYNOLDS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND NORTH MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

The Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation (JTMF) School Health Initiative through the University of Miami School of Medicine, in conjunction with Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center (MDAHEC) serving as the fiscal agent, has expressed an interest to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide comprehensive school-based health services for students enrolled in Sabal Palm, Fulford, and Greynolds Park elementary schools, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and North Miami Beach Senior High School.

The JTMF School Health Initiative will appropriate funds to design and modify existing space at North Miami Beach Senior High School and convert a portable at John F. Kennedy Middle School for the establishment of full-scale primary care clinics, and provide any needed minor modifications to the health rooms located within the elementary schools at a cost of approximately \$600,000. The JTMF School Health Initiative, working in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Planning and Construction, will contract for the design and modification of the identified areas at the schools. Additionally, the JTMF School Health Initiative will allocate funds in the amount of approximately \$5.1 million (amortized over five years) for the staffing, equipping, and operation of the two primary care clinics and the three elementary health rooms. The medical staff will consist of four teams each comprised of a registered nurse, a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), and a health service technician employed through the Miami-Dade County Health Department; and two Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP), and a family practice physician/medical director employed through the University of Miami School of Medicine. The JTMF School Health Initiative will provide all of the necessary staff, equipment and supplies to operate the health centers through July 21, 2005.

No indemnification is needed for the services provided by the Miami-Dade County Health Department and the University of Miami School of Medicine because sovereign immunity is provided pursuant to sections 768.28 F.S. and 381.0056 (10) F.S., respectively.

There is no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for these services.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation School Health Initiative through the University of Miami School of Medicine and in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center, to:

1. fund health services provided by the Miami-Dade County Health Department and the University of Miami School of Medicine to students enrolled at Sabal Palm, Fulford, and Greynolds Park elementary schools, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and North Miami Beach Senior High School, at a cost of \$5.1 million (amortized over five years); and
2. design and modify existing space at North Miami Beach Senior High School and convert a portable at John F. Kennedy Middle School for the establishment of full-scale primary care clinics, and provide any needed modifications to the health rooms located within the elementary schools, at a cost of approximately \$600,000.

There is no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the medical services and the design and modification of existing spaces at the school sites.

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