

June 20, 2001

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REDUCE THE DATES FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE 2001 SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION FOR K-8 FROM JULY 9, 2001-AUGUST 3, 2001 TO JULY 9, 2001-JULY 31, 2001 AND FOR 9-12 FROM JULY 9, 2001-AUGUST 17, 2001 TO JULY 9, 2001-AUGUST 14, 2001. ADDITIONALLY, ALL PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAMS WILL BE REDUCED BY THREE DAYS

DISTRICT FUNDING FOR 2001 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The matrix developed by the Office of Budget Management reflects the funding reduction based on the scheduled 2001 Summer School calendar change. There will be no change in the number of designated Open Summer Centers and enrollment caps for centers serving elementary, middle, and senior high school students.

MODIFIED SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

During the 2001 Summer School, the regular school site programs will be operating for a period of 17 days for the K-8 program, from July 9, 2001 through July 31, 2001 and for a period of 27 days for the 9-12 program, from July 9, 2001 through August 14, 2001. The three-day reduction will not significantly impact remedial instruction at the K-8 level. Further, the reduction in days will provide the minimum 135 instructional hours required for students to receive remedial and enrichment credit at the 9-12 level. All outreach programs previously approved are being reduced by three days, respectively.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS (K-8) AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS (9-12)

The modified program provides for a 17-day intensive academic program in grades K-8 and a 27-day concentrated academic program in grades 9-12. The primary focus of the programs is to meet the needs of students performing at Level I or Level II on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Remediation in reading and mathematics will be provided for eligible students in K-12. Courses for credit or make-up credit which apply toward promotion and/or the awarding of a diploma will be provided for grades 9-12. District staff will provide curriculum and implementation support. Reduction of the K-12 summer time line will not adversely affect the quality of curricular offerings or support services.

Reduction of the dates for the 2001 Summer School Programs for K-8 and 9-12 is recommended in an effort to support critical budget reductions. Reallocated funding will be utilized in compliance with State regulations and District budget priorities.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to reduce the dates for educational programs for the 2001 Summer School Session for K-8 from July 9, 2001-August 3, 2001 to July 9, 2001-July 31, 2001 and for 9-12 from July 9, 2001-August 17, 2001 to July 9, 2001-August 14, 2001. Additionally, all previously approved Summer Outreach Programs will be reduced by three days.

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