

School Operations  
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$132,922 FROM THE MIAMI HEAT TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM ENTITLED THE HEAT ACADEMY AT PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR AND LITTLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR 100 STUDENTS AT EACH SCHOOL, AND TO ESTABLISH THE HEAT ACADEMY PROGRAM FOR 30 STUDENTS AT HORACE MANN MIDDLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DURING THE 2001-2002 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 academic 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 SOL Reading Rockhouse will be established to enhance the reading component of the program.

The Miami HEAT will donate \$128,381 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to operate The HEAT Academy at Paul Laurence Dunbar and Little River elementary schools five days a week, two 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 for four teachers, four teacher aides, curriculum materials, daily snacks, supplies, custodial, and security 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 two elementary schools will be Miami Edison Senior Community School. All procedures as outlined in the *Community School Procedures Manual* will be followed in implementing the program. Paul Laurence Dunbar and Little River elementary schools were selected by The Miami HEAT based on their tutorial needs as established by recent FCAT scores and the infrastructure available as satellite locations of an existing community school site.

Additionally, The Miami HEAT will donate \$4,541 to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to operate The HEAT Academy at Horace Mann Middle Community School and will

incorporate interns from Florida International University and community volunteers to participate in the pilot program for 30 students through the Middle School Enrichment Program in the Bureau of Community Services. The pilot will be part of a doctoral study to provide enhancements such as motivational speakers, appreciation events, family nights, volunteer tutors, and incentives for students. Horace Mann Middle Community School was selected by The Miami HEAT based on tutorial needs as established by FCAT scores, and the infrastructure available through the Middle School Enrichment Program. Additionally, Horace Mann Middle Community School serves students from Little River Elementary School.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept a donation of \$132,922 from The Miami Heat to operate an after-school program entitled The Heat Academy at Paul Laurence Dunbar and Little River elementary schools for 100 students at each school, and for 30 students at Horace Mann Middle Community School during the 2001-2002 school year.

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