

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF FULL SERVICE SCHOOLS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM AUGUST 22, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

The 2001 Florida Legislature appropriated \$1,324,799 to the Miami-Dade County Health Department for the continuation of Full Service Schools in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the 2001-2002 school year. The objective of the Full Service Schools initiative is to eliminate barriers that interfere with teaching, learning, and overall child development. A Full Service School serves as the "hub" of the community where agencies co-locate to provide medical, social, educational, and recreational services for children and families.

The funds will be used to maintain the current status of the 28 full service schools throughout the district, including district and school site personnel, existing projects, programs, supplies, and equipment. Additionally, the Miami-Dade County Health Department will staff the Miami Jackson Senior High School-Based Health Center with an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), a health support technician, a lab technician, and an itinerant social worker (MSW). Further, a quality assurance team will monitor all school health services; generate and analyze data, including outcome indicator data; and evaluate the Full Service Schools school health initiatives.

The fiscal agent for the appropriation of funds will be the Miami-Dade County Health Department.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County Health Department to utilize funds appropriated by the state to that agency for the continuation of the Full Service Schools initiative in Miami-Dade County Public Schools from August 22, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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