Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of February 13, 2002

January 30, 2002

Education Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT 20 DIGITAL PIANOS ON A YEARLY BASIS FROM THE YAMAHA CORPORATION TO BE USED IN THE MUSIC SUITE AT WHISPERING PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Whispering Pines Elementary School is known for its strong music program. The Whispering Pines Chamber Singers have delighted audiences across the nation. The school fosters a commitment to academic and musical excellence.

To support the Whispering Pines Elementary School program, the Yamaha Corporation has made a commitment to donate 20 digital pianos on a yearly basis that will be used to promote music literacy at this school. Students will have the opportunity to learn notation. create original compositions, record, and experiment in this genre. The music teacher at Whispering Pines Elementary School will teach the program. At the end of the school year, the pianos will be returned to the Yamaha Corporation, which will auction them as used pianos. New pianos will be delivered to the school at the beginning of the new school year. This is the second year of this commitment by Yamaha Corporation.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept 20 digital pianos on a yearly basis from the Yamaha Corporation to be used in the music suite at Whispering Pines Elementary School.

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