

June 26, 2002

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO RENEW A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSURANT GROUP FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SATELLITE LEARNING CENTER

On July 27, 1987, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, entered into a cooperative agreement with American Bankers Insurance Group to establish the District's first satellite learning center. Subsequent to the initial agreement, four amendments have been approved. The first amendment, dated December 14, 1987, included changes in the insurance language. The second amendment, dated June 30, 1993, renewed the agreement through June 30, 1998. The third agreement, dated June 8, 1994, added grade three and allowed the Host Corporation to provide a building and related facilities and other support services to support grades K-5 on its grounds, beginning with the 1995-96 school year. The fourth amendment, dated May 13, 1998, renewed the agreement through June 30, 2003.

Since the last amendment was approved, American Bankers Insurance Group merged with Fortis, Incorporated, and changed the Group's name to the Assurant Group. Therefore, this cooperative agreement renewal has been updated to reflect all past amendments as well as any new language to conform to current District specifications for such agreements.

The satellite learning center has completed its fifteenth year of operation, serving approximately 229 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. It is located at 11195 SW 196 Street, Miami, Florida, 33157.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to renew a cooperative agreement with the Assurant Group for the continuation of the satellite learning center from July 11, 2002 through June 30, 2003, and to renew the cooperative agreement for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

Ms. Audrey Steiger, Senior Vice President of Human Resources, serves as the liaison between the Assurant Group and the District.

Copies of the satellite leaning center cooperative agreement will be placed on file and will be available for inspection in the School Board Members' office, in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and in the Citizen Information Center.

This cooperative agreement involves no exchange of funds.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. renew the cooperative agreement with the Assurant Group for the continuation of the satellite learning center at 11195 SW 196 Street, Miami, Florida, 33157, from July 11, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. renew the cooperative agreement for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

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