

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF \$50,000 FROM THE INJURY FREE COALITION FOR KIDS NATIONAL OFFICE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/JACKSON MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, FOR A PLAYGROUND AT PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Injury Free Coalition for Kids (IFCK) National Office at Columbia University, through the University of Miami/Jackson (UM/JMH) Memorial Medical Center and in collaboration with the Allstate Foundation will donate \$50,000 to Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School for the purchase, delivery and installation of a playground. Additionally, if the building and opening of the playground is completed within the 2002 calendar year, an additional \$10,000 is expected in the first two years from the Allstate Foundation to assist in the first five years of playground maintenance. The Playground vendor, Little Tykes, has been selected after a three-bid process from the approved vendor's list as specified by the district's Purchasing Department and the design specifications have been made in cooperation with the Maintenance and Safety Departments. The UM/JMH IFCK – Miami will act as a facilitator of the installation to ensure participation of local Allstate Foundation representatives, the school community, and media during a kick off event and will respond to the IFCK National Program Office on all related matters.

It has just been brought to our attention that the IFCK National Office at Columbia University, through the UM/JMH Medical Center, has offered to install playground equipment at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School. The acceptance of this donation will give us an opportunity to obtain and install playground equipment at the school.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to receive an additional \$10,000 for the maintenance of the equipment, and to have sufficient time for all necessary review of plans and specifications in order to complete installation by the end of the year. The work must be completed by the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to accept the donation of \$50,000 from the Injury Free Coalition For Kids National Office at Columbia University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, for a playground at Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary School.