

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHRYSALIS
CENTER TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Chrysalis Center has expressed an interest to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to provide mental health services for students enrolled at Miami Park, Poinciana Park, and Toussaint Louverture Elementary Schools, effective October 23, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The schools were selected based on the principals' requests for additional mental health services for students and their families.

The Chrysalis Center will fund and provide the mental health staff. M-DCPS will provide space in full service centers to accommodate the services.

The Chrysalis Center will indemnify and hold harmless The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for any liabilities associated with this agreement. They will also provide proof of Professional Liability Insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000.

The President of The Chrysalis Center is Blanca Bichara.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with The Chrysalis Center to provide mental health services for students enrolled at Miami Park, Poinciana Park, and Toussaint Louverture Elementary Schools, effective October 23, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. extend the cooperative agreement for two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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