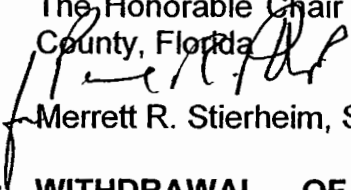


**MEMORANDUM**

November 19, 2003

**TO:** The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade  
County, Florida

**FROM:**  Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** **WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM B-23 – COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THROUGH THE CITY OF MIAMI'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN**

Agenda Item B-23, proposed by The City of Miami, requested authorization for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement between the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to create a partnership that will provide support and benefit Holmes Elementary School through The City of Miami's Community Support Plan.

The City of Miami Mayor, Manny Diaz, wants to be present at the Board meeting to demonstrate the support and commitment of The City of Miami to this Agenda Item; however, as a result of the Free Trade Area of the America's (FTAA) Conference, Mayor Diaz will be unable to be present. For this reason, this item will be deferred to the December 2003 School Board Meeting.

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Attachment

cc: Superintendent's Executive Staff  
School Board Attorney

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of November 19, 2003

November 4, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
THROUGH THE CITY OF MIAMI'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
PLAN**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The City of Miami has proposed a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to create a partnership that will benefit Holmes Elementary School. This agreement offers a three-part plan which provides tutoring services for students; mentoring for students, faculty and staff; and involving parents through collaborations from various community-based organizations and local universities.

In the 2003 State of the City Address, The City of Miami highlighted the Community Support Plan. This plan integrates the use of the city's resources and local organizations in an effort to continue to improve student achievement at Holmes Elementary School. A team of community partners including the Adopt a Classroom Organization, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program, the School of Education of the University of Miami, Florida International University, Hands on Miami, Children's Psychiatric Centers and All Aboard mentoring/Tutoring program, Community in Schools Miami, the Urban League of Greater Miami, and a variety of City of Miami employees have come together to assist a school in need of community support.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide a representative from the school system to participate regularly in the Academic Component Committee meetings associated with the partnership. This representative should be a staff member from the district or ACCESS Center 4; in addition, the principal and a faculty member from Holmes Elementary School should be in attendance.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement between The City of Miami and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide support to Holmes Elementary School through The City of Miami's Community Support Plan.

No local funds are required.

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**ITEM WITHDRAWN**

**(11-19-03)**

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