

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.

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