

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE HEARING SCREENING SERVICES FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADE LEVELS REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE AND SCHOOL BOARD RULE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Florida School Health Services Administrative Rule 10D-84.16 and School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5D-1.021, School Health Services Program, mandates hearing screening of students in grades kindergarten, one, two, three, six, and 10, and for students entering Florida schools for the first time in grades kindergarten through five.

This request is to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County Health Department for funds to provide hearing screening services. As part of the "School Health and Wellness Plan" this item is essential because nutrition, wellness, and optimal physical health influence student literacy. The Miami-Dade County Health Department will pay Miami-Dade County Public Schools \$76,000 to supplement the delivery of services to screen a minimum of 100,000 students, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. The District has been contracting with the Miami-Dade County Health Department since July of 1996.

The Contract Manager for the Miami-Dade County Health Department is Ms. Amy Tejriran.

Copies of the contractual agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005, under Fund 0100, Function 6130, Program 8632, Object 5145, Location 9721.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County Health Department to receive funds to provide a minimum of 100,000 hearing screening services for students enrolled in grade levels required by state statute and School Board rule, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

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