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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CARDIAC THERAPIES, INC., TO PROVIDE THE HEALTHCORPS PROGRAM AT MIAMI CORAL PARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to enter into an Agreement with the Foundation for the Advancement of Cardiac Therapies, Inc. to provide the HealthCorps program at Miami Coral Park Senior High School during the 2008-2009 school year. HealthCorps, an in-school and after-school program that enables youth to make positive behavioral choices affecting their health, will be implemented by a staff person funded, hired and trained by HealthCorps, representing approximately \$75,000, of in-kind resources. Miami Coral Park Senior High School was identified by HealthCorps as an appropriate school for this pilot program.

HealthCorps, a proactive health movement founded by Dr. Mehmet Oz, aims to help stem the crisis of child obesity through school-based education and mentoring, as well as community events and outreach to underserved populations. Dr. Mehmet Oz is Vice Chairman of Surgery at Columbia University; Director of the Cardiovascular Institute at New York Presbyterian Hospital; and serves as the Chairman of HealthCorps. Modeled after the Peace Corps, the HealthCorps school-based program provides teens with practical life skills through fun and interactive school seminars focused on the value and power of students' bodies and minds.

There is no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to enter into the Agreement and to accept implementation of the HealthCorps Program at Miami Coral Park Senior High School during the 2008-2009 school year.

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

1. enter into an Agreement with the Foundation for the Advancement of Cardiac Therapies, Inc. to provide the HealthCorps Program, valued at approximately \$75,000, of in-kind resources, at Miami Coral Park Senior High School for the 2008-2009 school year; and
2. extend this Agreement as authorized through official notification for the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program.
3. There is no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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