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**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO PAY FOR ONE HALF OF  
THE COMMERCIAL PACKAGE INSURANCE POLICY  
AND PROPERTY POLICIES INSURING MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MIAMI-DADE  
COLLEGE FOR NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

**COMMITTEE:               INNOVATION,   EFFICIENCY   &   GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT        IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES  
STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Miami-Dade College (MDC) jointly purchase appropriate insurance coverages to adequately protect New World School of the Arts. MDC secures proposals for the coverage through their brokers and provides the information to the Office of Risk and Benefits Management to ensure the coverage is appropriate and at a competitive cost for the South Florida marketplace.

Annually, the Board has authorized payment for one-half of the annual premium for such coverages pursuant to the authority provided by State Board Rule 6A-1.012(11), wherein the Board is authorized to directly negotiate and enter into contracts for insurance, risk management programs, or third party administrators, making such acquisitions through the bid process or by direct negotiation and contract.

MDC has now provided staff with the renewal terms of the commercial package policy which became effective August 13, 2008, with a total annual premium of \$32,722.29, of which one half the premium, or \$16,361.15 will be the responsibility of M-DCPS and will be taken from the District's General Liability Premium Account. The package policy provides comprehensive general liability coverage of \$2 million per occurrence/annual aggregate with premium attributable to this coverage of \$24,903.58. The policy also provides coverage for business personal property coverage with limits of \$1,500,000, with premium attributable to this coverage of \$7,818.71.

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Total annual premiums for the previous policy period were \$30,227.88, consisting of \$26,972.07 for the liability portion and \$3,255.81 for the property coverage. While the liability portion of the premium decreased by \$2,068.49, the property premium increased by \$4,562.90 as a result of adding coverage for personal property of others. This additional coverage is recommended by the Risk Management staffs of both Miami-Dade County Schools and Miami-Dade College. The policy is underwritten by Philadelphia Insurance Companies (A.M. Best A+, XII), through Marsh USA.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize payment for the renewal of the commercial package insurance policy secured by Miami-Dade College covering both Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade College, with Philadelphia Insurance Company (A.M. Best A+, IX), through Marsh USA, with each entity to pay one-half of the total annual premium, effective August 13, 2008 to August 13, 2009, with the Board's share of premium for the renewal of \$16,361.15.

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