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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CARDIAC THERAPIES, INC., AND ACCEPT THE RESOURCES OF THE HEALTHCORPS PROGRAM FOR HIALEAH 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 accept the resources of the HealthCorps program, valued at approximately \$75,000, for Hialeah Senior High School during the 2009-2010 school year. The school was selected by HealthCorps based on geographic location, as well as the capacity of the school-site administration to implement the program and their commitment to sustaining the activities. The resources provided include one full-time HealthCorps health education instructor, training, and educational materials. This program is an expansion of a successful pilot program that was initiated at Miami Coral Park Senior High School during the 2008-2009 school year and will continue through the 2009-2010 school year. The program will be managed by Curriculum and Instruction and supports the District's goal to develop our students so that they are able to successfully compete in the global economy.

HealthCorps, a comprehensive physical education and health education program, 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. The program was founded by Dr. Mehmet Oz who is Vice Chairman of Surgery at Columbia University and Director of the Cardiovascular Institute at New York Presbyterian Hospital. The HealthCorps program provides one instructor, for each of the participating high schools, who will work with the physical education teachers to deliver the hands-on curriculum including fitness and nutrition, establish and direct interactive after-school wellness activities, and implement community-based outreach events.

There is no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to enter into the Agreement nor to implement the HealthCorps program at Hialeah Senior High School and Miami Coral Park Senior High School during the 2009-2010 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., and accept the resources valued at approximately \$75,000 of the HealthCorps Program for Hialeah Senior High School during the 2009-2010 school year; and
2. extend this Agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program.

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