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District/School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS TO LEASE FACILITIES FOR THE 2009-2010 GRADUATION REHEARSALS AND EXERCISES AND TO PAY FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH GRADUATION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SCHEDULES MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AND ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEARNING

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements to lease facilities for the 2009-2010 graduation rehearsals and exercises, June 7, 2010, through June 11, 2010, for all senior high schools. Additionally, authorization is requested to pay for ancillary services associated with graduation, e.g., stagehands, electricians, ushers, non-Miami Dade School Police personnel, parking and parking attendants, and the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, and crowd control dividers. The projected cost for these graduation rehearsals, exercises, and ancillary costs is estimated to be \$300,050.

Planning for the 2009-2010 graduation exercises began in August 2009. In the process of site selection, consideration is given to the scheduling of all graduations at sites to accommodate each school's graduation class size.

Proposed sites for the 2009-2010 graduation rehearsals and exercises for the 41 senior high schools and eight alternative education centers are as follows:

- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
- Barry University Broad Auditorium
- Florida International University Graham Center
- Florida International University U.S. Century Bank Arena
- Florida International University Wertheim Center
- Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
- Hyatt Regency Miami
- Joseph Caleb Community Center
- Miami Beach Convention Center
- Miami-Dade County Auditorium
- Signature Gardens
- The Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater
- University of Miami BankUnited Center
- University of Miami James L. Knight Center-Ashe Auditorium

Personnel in the Office of Risk and Benefits Management will review all contracts to include indemnification and insurance provisions.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2009-2010 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5103, Program 9016, Objects 5360/5390, Location 9723.

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

1. enter into contractual agreements with the following sites for graduation rehearsals and exercises, June 7, 2010, through June 11, 2010:
 - Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts
 - Barry University Broad Auditorium
 - Florida International University Graham Center
 - Florida International University U.S. Century Bank Arena
 - Florida International University Wertheim Center
 - Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
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2. enter into agreements for indemnification of the graduation sites listed above; and
3. authorize payment for charges incurred to lease the facilities and to pay for ancillary services associated with graduation, e.g., stagehands, electricians, ushers, non-Miami-Dade School Police personnel, parking and parking attendants, and the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, and crowd control dividers, at a total cost not to exceed \$300,050.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2009-2010 Adopted Budget.

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