

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

The following banks are approved by the State of Florida, Division of Treasury as a Qualified Public Depository and have requested to be added as a Board-approved depository in accordance with Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes:

Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T)
Fifth Third Bank

BB&T has assumed all the deposits for Colonial Bank as part of their agreement with the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to acquire \$22 billion in assets of Colonial Bank.

Fifth Third Bank has indicated an interest in bidding on the District's jumbo Certificates of Deposits (CD's totaling \$1million or greater).

All School Board funds are considered "Public Funds" as per Chapter 280 of the Florida Statute and are protected under the state's public depository program, in addition to the protection provided by the FDIC.

The Treasury Advisory Committee at the October 26, 2009, meeting recommended that for interest-bearing accounts, such as "NOW" accounts or Time Deposits (CDs), only Qualified Public Depositories that are "Well Capitalized" as defined by the FDIC should be allowed to bid on District-level funds. This requirement is in addition to those currently under School Board Rule 6Gx13-3B-1.01 Investment of Funds – Principles and is not applicable to the School's Internal Funds.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the designation of the Branch Banking and Trust Company and Fifth Third Bank as a Board-approved depository.