Valtena G. Brown, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer School Operations

SUBJECT:

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$911,978 FROM FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS PROGRAM (FIUASAS), TO CONTINUE OPERATING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT/FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS PROGRAM DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY

**ENGAGEMENT** 

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Florida International University After-School All-Stars (FIUASAS) seeks to continue to operate the after-school program formerly known as South Florida After-School All-Stars, which will assist middle school students by providing academic and enrichment activities in reading, writing, science, and mathematics. The program has been implemented since 1998, operates five days a week, and is free of charge to the students.

In addition to the academic component, the after-school program will continue to provide components in computer education, tutorials, performing and visual arts, sports, health, fitness and nutrition, literacy, character education, self-esteem and anger management, high school transition, career education, and community service projects. The program will offer additional enhancements, such as motivational speakers, incentives, and appreciation events. Parental involvement opportunities will be implemented and encouraged.

Funding was secured through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant, The Children's Trust award, and private community support. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant is a continuation grant operating in the third year of a five-year grant award. Funds received for the after-school academic program will provide: materials and supplies, staff salaries, activity buses, field trip buses, and professional development at each school.

Schools applied and were accepted into the program pursuant to grant specifications. The program will continue to be implemented at the following schools: Charles R. Drew K-8 Center and Brownsville, Glades, Hialeah Gardens, Kinloch Park, Norland, North Dade, and West Miami middle schools.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to receive donations of goods and services in an amount not to exceed \$911,978, from Florida International University After-School All-Stars Program (FIUASAS), to continue operating The Middle School Enrichment/Florida International University After-School All-Stars Program during the 2014-2015 school year.

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