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SUBJECT: COLLABORATION WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION IN NOCHES TROPICALES EVENTS

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Senator Javier D. Souto, along with Miami-Dade County Parks Department is seeking to collaborate with Miami Dade Public School Board to give priority to school bands to perform at Tropical Park for Noches Tropicales starting in the 2019-2020 school year. The County is offering to provide each school band that performs an allocation of County funds that can be used to purchase new equipment or for future field trips related to school band competitions.

Over the years, more than 45,000 patrons have attended Noches Tropicales at Tropical Park. Developed by Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Senator Javier D. Souto, this series of concerts showcases a variety of music including traditional Cuban contemporary music and zarzuelas, Brazilian Jazz, and a Spanish version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, among others. Noches Tropicales is free and enjoyed for families and other members of the Miami-Dade community.

By providing our local Miami-Dade County Public School bands the opportunity to participate in Noches Tropicales, the family atmosphere will be enhanced, school bands will have the opportunity to perform in a public setting, and they will be given the chance to receive funding from the County for band-related activities.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office for legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY LUBBY NAVARRO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent explore the feasibility of collaborating with Miami-Dade County Parks Department to give school bands the opportunity to perform at Tropical Park for Noches Tropicales.