

Office of District Operations
Mr. Luis E. Diaz, Chief Operating Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENTS TO LEASE FACILITIES FOR THE 2023-
2024 GRADUATION EXERCISES AND TO PAY FOR
ANCILLARY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH
GRADUATION**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL
SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements to lease facilities for the 2023-2024 graduation exercises, May 28, 2024, through June 5, 2024, for all senior high schools with a waiver of the School Board's traditional termination clause, indemnification and hold harmless clauses with the graduation sites listed. Additionally, authorization is requested to pay for ancillary services associated with graduation, e.g., streaming services, stagehands, electricians, ushers, parking and parking attendants, the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, crowd control dividers, and the rental of caps and gowns for District and Region administrators who will attend graduations as platform guests. The projected cost for these graduation exercises and ancillary costs is estimated to be up to \$990,000.00.

Planning for the 2023-2024 graduation exercises began in the Summer and Fall of 2023. 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. The use of school sites for graduation exercises will be considered.

Proposed sites for the 2023-2024 graduation rehearsals and exercises for the sixty (60) senior high schools and eight (8) alternative education and specialized centers are as follows:

- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (Knight Concert Hall and Ziff Ballet Opera House)
- Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center
- Fair Expo Center- FUCHS Pavilion
- Fair Grounds

- Florida International University – Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center
- Florida Memorial University – Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts & Gymnasium
- Jungle Island
- Miami Dade College North Campus – Criminal Justice Center
- Miami Dade College North Campus- William and Joan Lehman Theater
- Miami Dade College South Campus - Gymnasium
- Miami Marine Stadium / City of Miami
- Ocean Bank Convocation Center at FIU
- Olympia Theater
- Watsco Center at the University of Miami
- Zoo Miami

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 2023-2024 Adopted Budget under Fund 100000, Functional Area 90160000-510300, GL Account 536000/539000, Cost Center 1972300.

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

1. enter into contractual agreements with the following sites for graduation rehearsals and exercises, May 28, 2024 through June 5, 2024.
 - Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (Knight Concert Hall and Ziff Ballet Opera House)
 - Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center
 - Fair Expo Center- FUCHS Pavilion
 - Fair Grounds
 - Florida International University – Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center
 - Florida Memorial University – Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts & Gymnasium
 - Jungle Island
 - Miami Dade College North Campus- Criminal Justice Building
 - Miami Dade College North Campus – William and Joan Lehman Theater
 - Miami Dade College South Campus – Gymnasium
 - Miami Marine Stadium / City of Miami

- Ocean Bank Convocation Center at FIU
 - Olympia Theater
 - Watsco Center at the University of Miami
 - Zoo Miami
2. enter into agreements permitting waiver of the School Board's traditional termination clause, indemnification, and hold harmless clauses with 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., streaming services, stagehands, electricians, ushers, parking and parking attendants, the rental of audio-visual equipment, plants, chairs, pianos, crowd control dividers, and the rental of caps and gowns for District and Region administrators who will attend graduations as platform guests, at a total cost not to exceed \$990,000.00.

The appropriation for these items is included in the General Fund of the 2023-2024 Adopted Budget.