

Office of School Leadership and Performance  
Dr. John D. Pace III, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDET TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT TO LEASE FACILITY FOR THE 2023 - 2024 TECHNICAL COLLEGES GRADUATION CEREMONY AND TO PAY FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH GRADUATION**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement to lease a facility for the 2023-2024 graduation exercises, to be held on, July 30th, 2024, for technical colleges with a waiver of the School Board's traditional termination clause, indemnification and hold harmless clauses with the graduation site 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 this graduation exercise and ancillary cost is not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Planning for this 2023-2024 graduation exercise began in the Summer of 2023. In the process of site selection, consideration is given to the scheduling of this ceremony at a site that can accommodate this year's graduation class size.

Proposed sites for the 2023-2024 graduation rehearsal and exercise for the seven (7) technical colleges ceremony are as follows:

- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (Ziff Ballet Opera House)
- Miami-Dade County Fair (Fuch's Pavilion)
- Loan Depot Park (Marlins Park)
- Ocean Bank Convocation Center at FIU
- Watsco Center at the University of Miami

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

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

1. enter to a contractual agreement with one of the following sites for graduation rehearsal and exercise, July 30, 2024.
  - Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts (Ziff Ballet Opera House)
  - Miami-Dade County Fair (Fuch's Pavilion)
  - Loan Depot Park (Marlins Park)
  - Ocean Bank Convocation Center at FIU
  - Watsco Center at the University of Miami
2. enter into one agreement 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 \$60,000.00.