

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO EXTEND THE OPERATING HOURS
AT THE DR. JOHN T. MACDONALD FOUNDATION (JTMF) CLINIC AT
NORTH MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO INCLUDE THE
PARENTS WITHIN THE NORTH MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL FEEDER PATTERN**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT HEALTH**

At the School Board Meeting of April 18, 2001, the School Board approved The Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation (JTMF) School Health Initiative through the University of Miami School of Medicine, in conjunction with Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center (MDAHEC) serving as the fiscal agent, to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide comprehensive school-based health services for students enrolled in Sabal Palm, Fulford, and Greynolds Park elementary schools, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and North Miami Beach Senior High School.

The JTMF School Health Initiative provided funds approximately in the amount of \$600,000 to design and modify existing space at North Miami Beach Senior High School, converted a portable at John F. Kennedy Middle School for the establishment of a full-scale primary care clinic and made modifications to the health rooms located in the elementary schools. The JTMF School Health Initiative, worked in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Facilities Planning and Construction to complete the specified modifications at the schools. Additionally, over the past nine years the JTMF School Health Initiative has allocated funds in the amount of approximately \$8 million for the staffing, equipping, and operation of the two primary care clinics and the three elementary health rooms.

Currently, approximately 80% of the children in the North Miami Beach Feeder Pattern receive their primary care in JTMF clinics. The Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation (JTMF) School Health Initiative through the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine would like to extend medical services to the parents of these children because it is believed that the health and wellness of the parents will influence the health and school performance of their children.

The plan to address this need will extend the current clinic hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday by four hours so that parents will be able to access the services from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The extended hours will be in effect only at the North Miami Beach Senior High School location. The staff shall consist of Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation and University of Miami Miller School of Medicine staffs, including physicians, an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, and a family practice physician/medical director employed through the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

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No indemnification is needed for the services provided by the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine because sovereign immunity is provided pursuant to sections 768.28 F.S. and 381.0056 (10) F.S., respectively.

There is no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for these services.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

Request for approval to extend the operating hours at the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation (JTMF) Clinic at North Miami Beach Senior High School to include the parents within the North Miami Beach Senior High School Feeder Pattern.