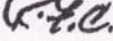


# MEMORANDUM

June 29, 2005

TO: All Work Locations

FROM: Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools 

**SUBJECT: BLOOD DRIVES FOR 2005-2006**

I am very pleased to announce that our blood drive program continues to be #1 in the State of Florida. Last year, we contributed over 15,000 pints. As the new academic year begins, I wish to encourage all work locations to participate in this wonderful effort.

**As of July 1, 2005, Community Blood Centers of South Florida (CBCSF) is the only group authorized to perform the blood drives at any M-DCPS facility.** Please note the following details:

- Student blood drives may only take place at senior high schools and adult/vocational and community education centers.
- Administrative offices, elementary and middle schools may only hold drives for adult employees of M-DCPS, and adult community members.
- Sites may hold a maximum of six drives per year with exception of special requests to supply the needs of a specific individual.
- Evening school programs may have their six blood drives independent from the daytime school. A minimum of 56 days must lapse between blood donations by an individual.

One of the primary incentives offered by CBCSF during past years is a scholarship program for those schools that participate in the blood donation program. More than \$340,000 in scholarships were distributed through the College Assistance Program (CAP, Inc.) last year. CAP, Inc. scholarship grant monies may be used towards a college/university degree as well as for certified programs in M-DCPS' adult and vocational schools.

We strongly encourage you to schedule blood drives with CBCSF for the entire year. By scheduling drives early, you ensure ample time is given to allocate bloodmobiles, personnel and sufficient incentives for all participants. This will maximize the scholarship award potential, and assist in alleviating the shortfall of blood in our community. To schedule a blood drive please call Ms. Nieves Losa, Vice President of Operations, Community Blood Centers of South Florida, at 305-398-5640.

We look forward to another great year of "Giving the Gift of Life."

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