

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** CONFIRMATION OF A RENEWAL OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$522,000, WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COUNTYWIDE EDUCATIONAL CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES, OCTOBER 1, 1998 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/  
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The School Board authorized the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Miami-Dade County that provides for the school system to deliver technical and programming support for the operation of countywide educational cable television services. The project, which is funded from cable license fees, provides programming and/or technical support for the operation of two educational channels that reach over 400,000 cable subscribers. Over 770 Miami-Dade County governmental, educational, and non-profit organizations have taken part in cable programming as producers or participants.

Miami-Dade County has again indicated a desire to extend the contract for an additional year, from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. Funding authorized for 1998-99 is estimated at approximately \$522,000, based on the type, quantity, and cost of the services to be provided. The amount recommended for funding was not identified by Miami-Dade County Consumer Protection Division until February 10, 1999. The agreement will provide for cancellation by either party with 90 days prior written notice.

Some additional support for the project is provided through grants received from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Florida Department of Education.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, confirm the renewal of a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, in the estimated amount of \$522,000, to continue to provide countywide educational cable television services from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, with the provision that the agreement may be cancelled by either party with 90 days prior written notice.

No local funds are required.

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