Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE JOBS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP OF MIAMI-DADE/MONROE COUNTIES AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ACT AS A TRAINING AGENT UNDER THE WELFARE TO WORK PROGRAM, MAY 13, 1999 THROUGH **SEPTEMBER 30. 1999**

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/ PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
- IX COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ **BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The Jobs and Education Partnership (JEP) of Miami-Dade/Monroe counties and the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium (SFETC) have approved Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as a training agent under Welfare to Work (WtW) for program year 1999 to provide bootstrap or customized training in specified occupational areas. SFETC, working in partnership with JEP, has allocated funds to certain service providers to be used in assisting eligible individuals as determined by the WtW program.

These service providers, through a voucher system, will engage the services of M-DCPS. WtW participants will be assessed by the SFETC-funded service provider to determine the most appropriate services in each case. Only those participants determined to be in need of M-DCPS' services will be referred to the school system.

The amount to be paid for M-DCPS employment and training services by the SFETCfunded service providers will be negotiated between the two parties and approved by the SFETC. M-DCPS will forward to the SFETC-funded service provider a written invoice for this fee at the time the WtW participant receives services.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew this contractual agreement for up to four additional one-year periods.

Mr. Joseph Alfano is the Executive Director of the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium.

There is no cost to the school district.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1) authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to act as a training agent under the Welfare to Work program, May 13,1999 through September 30, 1999; and
- 2) authorize the Superintendent to renew this contractual agreement annually for up to four additional one-year periods.

There is no cost to the school district.

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