

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER MIAMI URBAN EDUCATION PACT, A FORD FOUNDATION FUNDED PROGRAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE 1999 SUMMER SESSION

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with The Greater Miami Urban Education Pact, a nonprofit organization funded by the Ford Foundation, for the College and Careers Program. This summer program is being offered for the sixth consecutive year and will offer credit-bearing courses to 140 middle and high school students. In addition to the academic program, enrichment, leadership and motivational activities will be arranged for selected students. Students are targeted for the program, based on at-risk profiles, together with counselor recommendations and parental consent.

The College and Careers Program, a component of a larger ten-year project of the Greater Urban Education Pact, proposes to utilize eight (8) Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) teachers from various schools, University of Miami (UM) faculty, guest speakers and others, to teach skills and enrichment courses. M-DCPS will provide transportation and food services for students participating in the program. The program will be monitored by Educational Alternative Outreach Program. The Greater Miami Urban Education Pact will be responsible for the facility at UM, as well as for curricular and extracurricular activities.

The funds necessary for implementing the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' portion of these agreement were Board approved as part of the summer school adopted budget on April 14, 1999. There is no exchange of funds for the provision of these services.

The Executive Director of The Greater Miami Urban Education Pact is Ms. Lois Wolfe.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Greater Miami Urban Education Pact, a Ford Foundation-funded program in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide educational and related services for 140 at-risk students for the 1999 summer session.

The funds necessary for implementing the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' portion of this agreement will be included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget, to be recommended for adoption in July 1999. There is no exchange of funds for the provision of these services.