

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL ACADEMY FOUNDATION FOR THE ACADEMY OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM MAGNET PROGRAM AT HOMESTEAD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BEGINNING IN THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS**
- V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

As Miami continues to develop as a major visitor industry center, Miami-Dade County's reputation in this industry will continue to be a major source of job opportunities for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' graduates. According to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, *One Community One Goal* task force study, "the visitor industry has been the backbone of the local economy; it still provides more jobs for more people than any other local industry." Establishment of Homestead Senior High School's Academy of Travel and Tourism magnet program responds to the industry need for a qualified workforce and the National Academy Foundation's (NAF) request for a program site in the southern part of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

At this time, authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with NAF. The cooperative agreement will impact approximately 300 students in grades 9 through 12 at Homestead Senior High School. The school district agrees to implement the NAF curriculum sequence and to provide local leadership. Once the membership agreement is approved, NAF will provide:

- program outlines of the required travel and tourism curriculum;
- technical assistance through a teacher/student network;
- public relations support;
- training for local school site administrators; and
- funding for teacher participation at a national staff development conference.

Funds in the amount of \$2,500 from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant will cover the one-time membership fee. Beyond the one-time membership fee, there will be no exchange of funds for the provision of this cooperative agreement.

The appropriation for the one-time membership fee is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1998-1999 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420, Function 6300, Program 3950, Object 5730, Location 7151.

Currently, Mr. Sanford I. Weill, serves as the Chair of the Board for the National Academy Foundation, and Dr. John Ferrandino, serves as the President of the Foundation.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Academy Foundation (NAF) to provide curriculum, technical assistance, and national network activities for the Academy of Travel and Tourism magnet program at Homestead Senior High School.

The appropriation for the one-time membership fee is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1998-1999 Adopted Budget. There will be no cost to the District for this cooperative agreement.

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