

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO RENEW A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,389, UNDER THE FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM, JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES

The Federal Work Study Program, formerly called The Florida Work Experience Program, was instituted by President Clinton in 1994, to introduce eligible students to work experience that will complement and reinforce their educational program and career goals. During the 1997-98 school year, Miami-Dade Community College (M-DCC) was a grantee institution that contracted with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as an employer of part-time eligible students in paraprofessional positions. M-DCPS staff has been informed that funds will be available for the 1999-2000 school year. M-DCC, the sponsoring post-secondary institution, provides 100 percent of the wages of the students who will be M-DCPS paraprofessional employees. These college students assist primarily with low-income, inner-city area elementary and secondary students and secondly, with adult students lacking basic or functional literacy skills.

M-DCC students are paid an hourly rate commensurate with that of M-DCPS paraprofessionals. Enrollees in the program must meet the requirements set forth under Section 240.606 of Florida Statutes, The Community Service Learning Project. M-DCC will reimburse M-DCPS for actual salaries up to a maximum of \$85,000. M-DCPS's share of the cost is limited to paying FRS/FICA retirement costs, not to exceed \$22,389.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999 under Fund 0100, Object 5150, Location 8001, Program 9274, Function 5102.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to renew a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade Community College for reimbursement of salaries of college students employed to provide instructional aid to elementary and secondary students and to adults lacking basic or functional literacy skills, in an amount not to exceed \$22,389, under The Federal Work Study Program, July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.

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