

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO TWO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE MIAMI-DADE/MONROE WAGES COALITION TO PROVIDE CAREER MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO WAGES CUSTOMERS WHO WERE RECEIVING FRONT-END SERVICES PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1999, AND TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE SERVICES TO WAGES CUSTOMER REFERRALS, JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

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

The Miami-Dade/Monroe Work and Gain Economic Self-sufficiency (WAGES) Coalition has awarded a grant for front-end services in the amount of \$12,850,589 to Miami-Dade Community College (M-DCC) in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to operate fourteen WAGES Career Service Centers, July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. M-DCPS is eligible to receive up to one-half of the total grant award (\$6,425,295). In addition to this commitment, M-DCPS is requesting authorization to enter into two contractual relationships with the WAGES Coalition for the following purposes:

- The first contract will provide ongoing career management services by M-DCPS to WAGES customers who have received front-end services prior to July 1, 1999. Career management services include tracking and follow-up of customers who are referred to M-DCPS from the Miami-Dade/Monroe WAGES Coalition. The school district is eligible to receive a one-time payment of approximately \$1,500,000 to provide career management services to approximately 5,000 WAGES customers.
- The second contract will provide intensive services by M-DCPS to WAGES customers who are referred on an individual basis from WAGES Career Service Centers. Intensive services may vary for each individual and may include education, training, employment preparation, job placement, job retention and support, and family foundation services. As contracted intensive services are provided, M-DCPS is eligible to receive up to \$3,780 per individual (plus a conditional bonus amount to be determined).

Funds will be utilized to employ full-time and part-time staff, including current or former WAGES customers, and to purchase materials and supplies for career management services and for intensive services. The first contract is a one-time payment for career

management services to be made at the commencement of the contract. The second contract is performance-based and is standardized for all intensive service providers in Miami-Dade County. Because referral to intensive services is based on individual choice, the contract for intensive services does not project a specific number of WAGES customers.

This agenda item does not appear in the published agenda. Variation for good cause is requested for the purpose of expediting contracts in order to meet the July 1, 1999, deadline for commencement of services.

No school-district funds will be required.

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

1. to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade/Monroe WAGES Coalition to provide career management services to WAGES customers who have received front-end services prior to July 1, 1999, in an approximate amount of \$1,500,000, July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000; and
2. to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade/Monroe WAGES Coalition to provide intensive services to WAGES customers in an approximate amount of \$3,780 per individual, July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

No school-district funds will be required.

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