

August 27, 1999

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RADISSON MART PLAZA HOTEL TO PROVIDE FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA THINKING SKILLS CONFERENCE, MARCH 23-24, 2000, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Division of Advanced Academic Programs, in cooperation with Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, will host the South Florida Thinking Skills Conference on Thursday and Friday, March 23-24, 2000. Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 to provide facilities and services for the conference. The event will be scheduled at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, 711 NW 72 Avenue, Miami, Florida, for a projected 600 participants.

The registration fee for the two days is \$185 for out-of-state participants and \$65 for Florida participants. The registration fee includes a conference packet, refreshments, and a luncheon on Friday. This two-day conference will assist schools with the infusion of critical and creative thinking skills across the curriculum. Nationally-recognized speakers will present conference sessions regarding the latest trends in the area of thinking skills instruction.

Due to the nature of the services, the contract being recommended here does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The budget for this event includes revenues and appropriations under Fund 0821, Function 9100, Program 9427, Object 5390, Location 9622.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel to provide facilities and services for the 2000 South Florida Thinking Skills Conference on March 23 and 24, 2000, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Trust and Agency Special Events Fund of the 1999-00 Tentative Adopted Budget.

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