

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OVERTOWN MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES AND TRAINING FOR WORK AND GAIN ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY CLIENTS TO WORK IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY, FROM OCTOBER 21, 1999 THROUGH OCTOBER 20, 2000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

In a meeting on August 26, 1999, Mr. James Beard, founder and owner of the Overtown Manufacturing Company, requested that the Family and Consumer Sciences staff of the Office of Workforce Development Education train Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) clients to work in the garment industry.

The initial site for training will be Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center, with the possibility of later expanding the program to additional sites within the federally-identified empowerment zones. The Fashion Production and Design program is a 900-hour Competency-Based Curriculum. However, WAGES clients may exit at the 300-hour, power-sewing occupational completion point if they successfully pass a skills assessment instrument/demonstration.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide classroom space, the necessary equipment, generic supplies, and a certified instructor to train and assess the WAGES clients. Registration fees and supplies such as yard goods, notions, and patterns will be provided by Overtown Manufacturing Company in collaboration with the WAGES Coalition and the Metro-Miami Action Plan. To accommodate parents, an attempt will be made to offer childcare services at the school site for a modest fee.

The owner of the Overtown Manufacturing Company is Mr. James Beard.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Overtown Manufacturing Company to provide facilities and training for WAGES clients to work in the garment industry, from October 21, 1999 through October 20, 2000.

No local funds are required.

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