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Education
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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES FOR THE 1999-2000 MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000, FROM NOVEMBER 15, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- I - EARLY INTERVENTION**
- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/ PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

In support of the annual Miami Book Fair International, Miami-Dade Community College will provide the following support activities for 1999-2000:

The Reading Connection: The family literacy program addresses America's need to increase parental involvement in children's learning. This program is made available to Miami-Dade County's public elementary schools with three separate components: tutoring sessions, family reading time, and parenting sessions.

Author Presentations - Outreach to Schools: The school program includes outreach by authors for presentations at elementary, middle, and senior high schools. In coordination with the Division of Language Arts/Reading, authors are selected and assigned schools.

Author Presentations - General Session: On Friday morning, November 19, elementary, middle, and high school students from selected schools are invited to attend meet-the-author sessions at the Book Fair site. Approximately 2,000 students will benefit from these sessions. The Fair has extended invitations to authors whose books are listed on the Lexile Reading lists to support more fully this new initiative of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

Literary Arts Magazine - "Beginnings": Miami Book Fair International will edit and publish "Beginnings", a literary magazine spotlighting the works of young writers and artists in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The staff of Miami Book Fair International coordinates certificates, receptions, and printing.

Author/Illustrator Workshops: One-day "hands-on workshops" will be held by authors for students who excel in language arts. Students will bring their written work, and authors will critique the assignments by offering consecutive, professional advice for improvements. Illustrators of children's books using the same "hands-on" approach will also give workshops. Over 3,000 students will participate (elementary, middle, and senior high schools).

Street Fair: During the three-day Street Fair weekend, Children's Alley offers exhibits, theatrical performances, demonstrations, and hands-on educational programs for children and young adults. Approximately 10,000 children will benefit.

Book Contribution: A set of books written by a visiting author will be donated to the schools he/she visits. Each year, visiting authors attend over 50 different schools.

PASS practice test: The PASS test for the College Placement Test (CPT) gives students a sense on how they would do on the CPT.

Special workshops/seminars/events: Miami-Dade Community College provides educational opportunities to students by offering workshops and seminars of special interest to students. These sessions include reading, creative writing, technology, arts, sciences, and others. In addition, the College provides a full array of cultural events throughout the year, which are made available to all M-DCPS students as well. In many instances, transportation is provided.

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 because Miami-Dade Community College was identified as the provider for the Miami International Book Fair in the General Appropriations Act for 1999-2000.

The appropriation for this contract is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5101, Program 8561, Object 5510, Location 9608.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, confirm a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade Community College to provide activities for the 1999-2000 Miami Book Fair International, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000, from November 15, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this contract is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.