

Facilities Planning and Construction
Paul J. Phillips, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PAYMENT TO WILLIAMS SCOTSMAN, INC.
FOR THE RENTAL OF MOBILE OFFICE AND INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS**

At its August 1999 meeting, the Board authorized payment to Williams Scotsman, Inc. for leasing of various trailers being used as instructional and office space. These lease payments were authorized through December 1999 for eleven units, and through December 2001 for two units. The Board also authorized negotiating the purchase of units from this vendor for which a verifiable need was established (Board Meeting of August 25, 1999, Item J-4).

Pursuant to this authorization, staff has obtained buyout costs from Williams Scotsman, Inc., and has opened discussions regarding these costs. However, negotiations aimed at reaching an acceptable cost are progressing slowly and in order to allow time for staff to pursue this process and, if necessary, plan alternatives which will not impact services and programs, it is requested that the Board extend its authorization to lease eleven units from December 30, 1999 to August 31, 2000 at a cost not to exceed \$45,000. The lease term for the two units previously authorized through December, 2001 will remain unchanged.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize payment to Williams Scotsman, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the period January 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000 for the utilization of 11 mobile office and instructional units, with the lease term for the two units previously authorized through December, 2001 remaining unchanged.

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