Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of January 12, 2000

December 10, 1999

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
MIAMI-DADE/MONROE WORK AND GAIN ECONOMIC SELF-
SUFFICIENCY (WAGES) COALITION FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY WORK EXPERIENCE FOR 300
WAGES PARTICIPANTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $100,000,
FROM JANUARY 13, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000**

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

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade/Monroe Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) Coalition to provide subsidized community work experience at public school and other community sites to WAGES customers. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will place individuals who are receiving welfare benefits in non-paid positions, classifying them as M-DCPS adult work experience students within the WAGES intensive services program operated by M-DCPS. Through the program, participants will have the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to perform their assigned jobs.

The WAGES Coalition will pay M-DCPS a fee of $100,000 to administer the community work experience activities for 300 persons. No current M-DCPS employee shall be displaced by a trainee, including no partial displacement such as reduction in wages, hours of non-overtime work, or employment benefits.

Mr. Milton Vickers is the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade/Monroe WAGES Coalition.

No local funds are required.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade/Monroe Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) Coalition for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide community work experience for 300 WAGES participants, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, from January 13, 2000 through June 30, 2000.

No local funds are required.

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