

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INCREASE THE COST OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RADISSON MART PLAZA HOTEL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000, FOR PROVIDING FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA THINKING SKILLS CONFERENCE, MARCH 23-24, 2000

On September 8, 1999, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel to provide facilities and services for the South Florida Thinking Skills Conference on Thursday and Friday, March 23-24, 2000, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Based on attendance at past conferences, staff projected that 600 participants would attend. This year's conference hosted over 800 participants. Consequently, the cost of the conference exceeded the original amount of \$25,000 by \$3,000. Authorization is requested to increase the contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel from \$25,000 to \$28,000.

The budget for this event includes revenues and appropriations in the Trust and Agency Special Events Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget 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 increase by \$3,000, the cost of the contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel to provide facilities and services for the South Florida Thinking Skills Conference on March 23 and 24, 2000, for a total cost not to exceed \$28,000.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Trust and Agency Special Events Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.

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