

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RYDER SYSTEM CHARTER SCHOOL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,536, TO IMPLEMENT THE MICROSOCIETY, INC., MODEL ACCORDING TO THE GUIDELINES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL REFORM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM, FOR THE REIMBURSABLE COST PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

At the Board meeting of July 14, 1999, the School Board accepted funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) to implement the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program (CSRDP). Subsequently, at the Board meeting of September 8, 1999, the School Board authorized the Superintendent to enter into separate cooperative agreements with contractors to implement the CSRDP at 24 Miami-Dade County public schools. Ryder System Charter School was among the schools approved to participate in the program. MicroSociety, Inc., was among the contractors approved to provide professional and technical services to implement the research-based model selected by the school and approved by the FDOE.

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will be the fiscal agent on behalf of the charter school. Authorization is requested for M-DCPS to enter into a separate contractual agreement with Ryder System Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$99,536, to implement the MicroSociety, Inc., model according to the guidelines of the CSRDP grant application. The charter school will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in its grant application and expending the grant funds.

The principal of Ryder System Charter School is Ms. Alicia Rodriguez-Bower.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420, Object 5310, Location 9610, Program 4599, Function 5100.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a separate contractual agreement with Ryder System Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$99,536, to implement the MicroSociety, Inc., model according to the guidelines of the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program, for the reimbursable cost period from September 9, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.