

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF 25 BILINGUAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND 25 EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION TEACHERS IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ZELDA GLAZER 2000 SUMMER WRITING INSTITUTE, AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000, FROM JUNE 19, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)/University of Miami Zelda Glazer Summer Writing Institute has, for the past 16 years, trained teachers in the most recent research-based strategies for teaching reading and writing. The Institute brings leaders in the field of English education from across the nation to teach this course. Each summer, 125 teachers have attended the two-week summer session and the Saturday follow-up sessions scheduled throughout the school year. Elementary and English teachers, kindergarten through grade 12, are nominated by principals for participation in this program.

Since June 1994, the Division of Bilingual/Foreign Language Skills and the Division of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) has each sponsored the participation of 25 teachers in the Institute. Based on the successful experiences of these teachers, staff is requesting permission to enter into contractual agreements with the University of Miami to include an additional 25 teachers from Bilingual/Foreign Language Skills as well as 25 ESE teachers for participation in the 2000 M-DCPS/University of Miami Zelda Glazer Summer Writing Institute, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 each for a total amount of \$36,000. This fee covers the cost of tuition for three graduate credits and for three Saturday follow-up sessions which will be held during the 2000-2001 school year.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Object 5390, Location 9609, Program 6630, Function 5131 and Fund 0100, Object 5310, Location 9731, Program 6840, Function 5217.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with the University of Miami for the participation of 25 Bilingual Education teachers and 25 Exceptional Student Education teachers in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools/University of Miami Zelda Glazer 2000 Summer Writing Institute, at a total cost not to exceed \$36,000, from June 19, 2000 through June 30, 2000.

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

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