

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE/FLORIDA ENLACE (ENGAGING LATINO COMMUNITIES FOR EDUCATION) PARTNERSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING ACTIVITIES REQUIRED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ENLACE INITIATIVE OF THE W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION, FROM MAY 18, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Miami-Dade/Florida ENLACE Partnership. This is a partnership created in response to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation's ENLACE initiative. The Miami-Dade/Florida ENLACE Partnership, funded in the amount of \$100,000 for Phase I Planning, is a coalition with representation from Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Miami-Dade Community College (M-DCC), University of Florida, Barry University, Abriendo Puertas, Inc., Miami Urban Ministries, Inc., and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

The ENLACE initiative is a multi-million dollar effort funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to strengthen the educational pipeline and increase opportunities for Hispanic students to enter and complete college. The word ENLACE is derived from the Spanish *enlazar*, meaning to link or weave together, to connect in such a way that the new entity is stronger than its parts. ENLACE is an acronym for **ENGaging LATino Communities for Education**.

The Miami-Dade/Florida ENLACE Partnership mission is to create a chain of influence in the lives of Hispanic students through sustainable partnerships among families, neighborhoods, pre-K-12, the community college, universities, businesses, and the local community. This chain of influence will produce a more effective developmental support system in order to increase the number of Hispanic students who have access to and success in higher education.

Under the terms of the agreement, M-DCPS will provide staff to assist in the coordination of the project's activities and participate in the various committees and focus groups that will be convened during the planning year. Staff from the Division of Bilingual/Foreign Language Skills, Division of Student Services, and of each of the target schools will participate in appropriate needs assessments, sharing of information and contribute to the development of the four-year implementation plan.

Schools will be selected based on number of Hispanic students enrolled and proximity to the M-DCC campuses that will implement the project: Homestead, Wolfson, InterAmerican and the Hialeah Center. In early fall 2000, the Miami-Dade/Florida ENLACE Partnership will apply for a four-year, \$2 million grant to implement the plan developed during the planning year.

The fiscal agent for the project is Miami-Dade Community College.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Miami-Dade/Florida ENLACE Partnership to participate in the planning activities required for the submission of a grant application for the ENLACE initiative of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, from May 18, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

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