

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,663, UNDER THE FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

The Federal Work Study Program Community Service Learning Project was instituted to introduce eligible students to work experience that will complement and reinforce their educational program and career goals. During the 1999-2000 year, Miami-Dade Community College (M-DCC) was a grantee institution that contracted with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as an employer of part-time eligible students in paraprofessional positions. M-DCPS has been informed that funds will be available for the 2000-2001 school year. M-DCC, the sponsoring post-secondary institution, provides 100 percent of the wages of the students who will be M-DCPS paraprofessional employees. These college students will provide instructional aid primarily with low-income, inner city area elementary and secondary students and secondly, with adult students lacking basic or functional literacy skills.

M-DCC students are paid an hourly rate commensurate with that of M-DCPS paraprofessionals. Enrollees in the program must meet the requirements set forth under Section 240.606, Florida Statutes, Community Service Learning Project. M-DCC will reimburse M-DCPS for actual salaries up to a maximum of \$93,500. M-DCP's share of the cost is limited to paying FRS/FICA retirement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$18,663.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000 under Fund 0100, Object 5150, Location 8001, Program 9274, Function 5102.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade Community College (M-DCC) under the Federal Work Study Program, whereby M-DCC will reimbursement the salaries of college students, in an amount not to exceed \$93,500, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools will cover FRS/FICA retirement costs in an amount not to exceed \$18,663, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000.

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