

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT SIX DIESEL ENGINES AND A COMPUTER VIDEO PROJECTION SYSTEM DONATED BY CAT AMERICA THROUGH KELLY TRACTOR COMPANY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA**

CAT America, through Kelly Tractor Company of Miami, Florida, has demonstrated its support of applied technology programs in Miami-Dade County by offering to donate six diesel engines to be used in the training of secondary and post-secondary students enrolled in Diesel Engine Repair and in Heavy Duty Truck and Bus Mechanics at Miami Lakes Technical Education Center, Robert Morgan Vocational Technical Institute, and William H. Turner Technical Arts High School. In addition to the engines, CAT America has also offered to Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center a computer video projection system. If accepted, a letter of appreciation will be sent to the donor.

The school system would be responsible for a payment not to exceed \$10,000 to cover core charges and other costs that would be incurred by CAT America and Kelly Tractor Company. The core is a rebuildable item which is returned to the manufacturer to be refurbished and resold. Since we have no engines to return, a core charge is assessed. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0390, Object 5641, Location 8001, Program 0820, and Function 7406.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept six diesel engines and a computer video projection system donated by CAT America through Kelly Tractor Company of Miami, Florida; and
2. pay for core charges and costs incurred in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

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