

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA MEMORIAL COLLEGE WHEREBY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL PROVIDE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, IN SUPPORT OF THE HEADS UP PROGRAM, FROM OCTOBER 12, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida Memorial College whereby Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide an amount not to exceed \$50,000, in support of the *Heads Up* program. The college will provide funds, in an amount not to exceed \$12,500, for a joint total amount not to exceed \$62,500. These funds will be used to cover the cost of personnel, supplies, travel expenses, printing and duplicating, and postage from October 12, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

Initially funded by a grant which has since expired, Florida Memorial College's *Heads Up* program is an at-risk intervention program for minority females in grades 7 through 12 who have been referred by the following schools: Parkway Middle, Homestead Senior High, Miami Northwestern Senior High, Miami Norland Senior High, Hialeah Senior High, North Miami Senior High, Miami Carol City Senior High, Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High, Miami Central Senior High, Miami Killian Senior High, Miami Palmetto Senior High, William H. Turner Technical Arts High School, New World School of the Performing Arts, and the MAST Academy. Approximately 40 M-DCPS students are anticipated to participate in the program. It is intended to be a year-round project that provides skills to at-risk females who meet the program requirements, empowering them to "beat the odds with positive alternatives." The *Heads Up* program aims to uplift and improve the quality of life for minority females by reducing teen pregnancy rates, broadening career and professional horizons, and increasing opportunities to earn a college degree.

Black Male College Explorers is a similar program operated by Florida Memorial College for male students.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021 reviewed this item on September 20, 2000, and recommended that an exception to the rule be made as otherwise determined by the committee.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Object 5310, Location 9611, Program 8947, Function 5101.

The President of Florida Memorial College is Dr. Albert E. Smith.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida Memorial College whereby Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide an amount not to exceed \$50,000, in support of the *Heads Up* program, from October 12, 2000 through June 30, 2001; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget.

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