

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of November 15, 2000

October 31, 2000

Personnel Management and Services
Nelson E. Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is requested to enter into contractual agreements with Florida International University and the University of Miami to enable the Teacher Education Center (TEC) to deliver professional development programs based on district priorities. Specific courses include, but are not limited to, mathematics content and applications, reading, instructional technology, and the courses required to meet the LULAC et al. vs. State of Florida Consent Decree. Courses that support exceptional student education and the internal certification program for paraprofessionals are also offered by these universities.

The cost of the contract with Florida International University will not exceed \$60,000 and is based on \$57 per Master Plan Point per course. Each course is projected to involve approximately 20-40 participants. The Florida International University contract also includes training which meets Multicultural Education Training and Advocacy, Inc. (META) requirements and add-on certification courses. The cost of the contract with the University of Miami, also based on \$57 per Master Plan Point, will not exceed \$24,000.

The district will continue to use the professional services of individual faculty members from Florida Memorial College, Nova Southeastern University, Barry University, and other institutions on an individual contract basis as needed.

The Professional Services Contracts Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this item on October 25, 2000 and has recommended that an exception to the rule be made as otherwise determined by the committee.

The appropriations for these contracts are included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6400, Program 7880, Object 5310, Location 9715. Content area courses contracted as part of the district-level add-on certification program will be funded by the Title II Eisenhower Professional Development Program under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 4100, Object 5310, Location 9017.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University to provide professional development programs from November 16, 2000 through June 30, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000;
2. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami to provide professional development programs from November 16, 2000 through June 30, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$24,000;
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

The appropriations for these items are included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget, and the Title II-Eisenhower Professional Development Program budget.

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