

Carol Cortes, Deputy Superintendent
Management and Accountability

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH A TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT FOR REVENUES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR CEREMONY; AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SIGNATURE GARDENS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR CEREMONY ON APRIL 11, 2001

It is requested that the Board authorize the Superintendent to establish a Trust & Agency account for revenue and expenses related to the Paraprofessional of the Year ceremony. Additionally, it is requested that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Signature Gardens to provide services to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the district Paraprofessional of the Year in an amount not to exceed \$20 per person.

This event will provide recognition for the role of paraprofessionals in supporting student learning and will serve as the forum to announce the 2001 Paraprofessional of the Year. United Teachers of Dade will serve as a co-sponsor of the event.

The cost of the event will be covered by proceeds from tickets sold to participants. There will be no cost to the district.

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

1. establish a Trust & Agency account in the budget for revenues and expenses related to the district Paraprofessional of the Year ceremony with an estimated budget of \$16,000; and
2. enter a contractual agreement with Signature Gardens in an amount not to exceed \$20 per person for services related to the district Paraprofessional of the Year ceremony on April 11, 2001.

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