

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RADISSON MART PLAZA HOTEL TO PROVIDE FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA THINKING SKILLS CONFERENCE, MARCH 20-23, 2001, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$47,000

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Advanced Academic Programs, in cooperation with Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, will host the South Florida Thinking Skills Pre-conference and Conference on Tuesday through Friday, March 20-23, 2001. Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel at a cost not to exceed \$47,000, to provide facilities and services for the pre-conference and conference. The event will be scheduled at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, 711 NW 72 Avenue, Miami, Florida, for a projected 1000 participants.

The registration fee for the two days is \$185 for out-of-state participants and \$75 for Florida participants. The registration fee includes a conference packet, refreshments, and a luncheon on Friday. This conference will assist schools with the infusion of critical and creative thinking skills across the curriculum. Nationally-recognized speakers will present conference sessions regarding the latest trends in the area of thinking skills instruction.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Trust and Agency Special Events Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0821, Function 9100, Program 9427, Object 5390, Location 9622.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel to provide facilities and services for the 2001 South Florida Thinking Skills Pre-conference and Conference, from March 20-23, 2001, at a cost not to exceed \$47,000.

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