

Education

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO SELECT OUTSIDE  
CONSULTANTS AND AGENCIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL  
CONSULTATION SERVICES TO LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS**

Authorization is sought for the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select outside consultants and agencies to provide educational consultation services to low performing schools ("D" and "F"). The aim of this RFP is to ensure that all such eligible consultants and agencies are provided an opportunity to submit a proposal and that the consultant and/or agency recommended for the Board's consideration conforms to Board-approved standards for contracted programs.

The purpose of this RFP is to award a successful proposer(s) a contract with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to provide assistance in addressing content, instructional and leadership strategies to improve student achievement in the low performing schools. Services to be provided to the "D" and "F" schools include professional development sessions to principals and assistant principals on each of the specified topics; professional development sessions to teachers in the schools on each of the specified topics; and follow up to monitor, adjust, and coach participants' progress. The topics to be addressed include strategies for low yield students; positive classroom management and discipline; raising expectations; and equity and excellence. The criteria for selection shall include, but not be limited to, detailed cost analysis; background; qualifications; and experience.

A selection committee will be established to evaluate the RFP submissions to assess the degree to which proposers have fulfilled the various components of the selection criteria. This Selection Committee will be comprised of the following M-DCPS personnel:

- an administrator from the Office of Curriculum Support Services;
- an administrator from the Division of Early Childhood Programs;
- an administrator from Region III Operations;
- an administrator from the Division of Bilingual Education and World Languages;
- an administrator from the Division of Business Development and Assistance;
- an administrator from the Division of Procurement Management and Materials Testing;
- an administrator from the Office of Educational Planning; and
- an administrator from the Division of Language Arts/Reading.

Once the RFP has been approved, it will be sent out to various consultants and agencies who have had contracts, or who have expressed interest in entering into contracts, with M-DCPS, for the purpose of providing educational consultation services to low performing schools.

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Procurement Contract Review Committee.....	February 8, 2001
Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval Of Selection Committee.....	February 14, 2001
Mailing of RFP.....	February 16, 2001
Opening of Proposals.....	March 1, 2001
Evaluations completed by Selection Committee.....	March 2, 2001
Contract Award Recommendations.....	March 14, 2001

A copy of the RFP will be provided to Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals to select outside consultants and agencies to provide educational consultation services to low performing schools; and
2. approve the establishment of a Selection Committee which will review the proposals.

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