

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HOST THE NINTH ANNUAL INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE AND CAREER EXPOSITION ENTITLED *PREPARING FOR THE eFUTURE—NOW*, OCTOBER 9-11, 2001; AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER AND ITS REQUIRED SUBCONTRACTORS WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$100,000 BASED ON THE 2000-2001 EXPENDITURES

The Ninth Annual Instructional Technology Conference and Career Exposition is entitled *Preparing for the eFuture—Now*. As rapid changes in technology continue to impact teaching and learning, conference sessions will be offered highlighting real world applications of instructional technology that promote increased student performance and teacher effectiveness.

In addition to the two-day conference for teachers and administrators, a third day is being added for secondary students. Schools will be invited to send interested students to a career exposition that will focus on careers in the information technology and Internet fields. Students will hear first hand from leaders in the field and be exposed to courses being offered in the District that will help them prepare for their *eFuture – Now*. The exposition is being planned with support from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, One Community, One Goal[®].

Proceeds from the conference will again assist students in meeting personal goals relating to technology. Two technology scholarships, *The Ana Gutierrez MacKay Technology Scholarship* and the *TechTrek, Pathways for Computer Professionals Scholarship* will be awarded to four high school seniors graduating in the 2001-2002 school year. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are hardworking and conscientious, strive for academic distinction, exhibit excellence in the study of technology, and demonstrate financial need. In addition, 20 student internships will be funded for students participating in the CISCO and Oracle programs.

Authorization is requested to host the Ninth Annual Instructional Technology Conference and Career Exposition on October 9-11, 2001, and to enter into contractual agreements with the Miami Beach Convention Center and its required subcontractors with an estimated cost of \$100,000 based on the 2000-2001 expenditures. Vendor support will cover the entire cost of the conference.

Revenues and appropriations for this event will be included in the 2001-2002 Tentative Budget to be adopted in July 2001. An appropriation will be established in the Trust and Agency Fund, Fund 0821, for the conference.

No local funds are required.

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

1. host the Ninth Annual Instructional Technology Conference and Career Exposition entitled *Preparing for the eFuture—Now*; and
2. enter into contractual agreements with the Miami Beach Convention Center and its required subcontractors for October 9-11, 2001, to provide facilities and services for the conference with an estimated cost of \$100,000 based on the 2000-2001 expenditures.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Trust and Agency Fund of the 2001-2002 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2001.

No local funds are required.

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