

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 2001 SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE, MAY 1, 2001, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Social Sciences, will host the 2001 Social Studies Conference on Tuesday, May 1, 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 \$20,000, to provide facilities and services for the conference. The event will be scheduled at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, 711 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, for approximately 700 teachers and administrators.

The theme for this year's conference is "Social Studies 2001: Empowering Students for Active Citizenship." The conference will provide teachers and administrators with the opportunity to participate in panel discussions, forums, and content sessions related to civic education. Participants will also have the opportunity to examine the latest instructional materials in social studies education. The conference supports Goal I, Objective 6 of the *District Strategic Plan: 2000-2005* which states: "Broaden the scope of civic, law and character education programs offered in the District to provide all students with necessary skills."

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 9133, Object 5390, Location 9626.

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 Social Studies Conference, May 1, 2001, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

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