

March 8, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ESTABLISH A TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNT FOR REVENUES AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE SCHOOL-TO-CAREER CONFERENCE; AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RADISSON MART PLAZA HOTEL TO PROVIDE FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE CONFERENCE, APRIL 19, 2001, AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will host a conference to assist schools with strategies for the implementation of the District's Strategic Goal I, School-To-Career, April 19, 2001. The conference will provide participants with tools for developing and implementing a seamless K-12 career curriculum that connects with the District's Competency-Based Curriculum and the State's Sunshine State Standards. Dr. Mary Montle Bacon, a nationally-recognized speaker, will address the participants as the keynote speaker, and she will also serve as a presenter in a breakout session regarding strategies for combining curriculum with career focused academies.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to establish a Trust and Agency account in the budget for revenues and expenses related to the School-to-Career Conference with an estimated budget of \$24,000 from vendors who purchase exhibition space; and enter into a contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, at a total cost not to exceed \$40,000, to provide facilities and services for the conference. There will be approximately 1000 participants representing all K-12 schools for this event.

This event will be partially funded through the Carl D. Perkins grant, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000, under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 3618, Object 5390, Location 9600.

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

1. establish a Trust and Agency account in the budget for revenues and expenses related to the School-to-Career Conference with an estimated budget of \$24,000 from vendors who purchase exhibition space; and
2. enter into a contractual agreement with the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel to provide facilities and services for the School-to-Career Conference, April 19, 2001, at a total cost not to exceed \$40,000.

A partial appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget.

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