

Personnel Management and Services
Nelson E. Diaz, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT \$25,000 FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA ANNENBERG CHALLENGE AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING 24/7 CUSTOMIZED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES

Authorization is requested to accept \$25,000 from the South Florida Annenberg Challenge Professional Development Initiative Partnership (PDI). The PDI is a partnership of the Florida Department of Education, Bell South, and the South Florida Annenberg Challenge, with the Adrian Dominican School of Education of Barry University as fiscal agent.

Authorization is also requested to use this grant to enter into a contractual agreement with Learning 24/7 Customized Professional Development Consulting Services from March 15, 2001 through June 30, 2001. The aforementioned consultants will provide Data Driven Decision Making Awareness Workshops for 100 participants. The workshops will feature experts in the field of using student performance data for school and teacher improvement and decision making.

The Professional Services Contracts Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this item on February 23, 2001, and has recommended that an exception to the rule be made as otherwise determined by the committee.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to accept \$25,000 from the South Florida Annenberg Challenge;
2. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Learning 24/7 Customized Professional Development Consulting Services from March 15, 2001 through June 30, 2001, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

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