

May 3, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH SELECTED BUSINESS SITES TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF PROJECT VICTORY SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS , FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into cooperative agreements with selected business sites to facilitate the operation of Project Victory school-to-work programs for exceptional student education (ESE) students, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. These cooperative agreements have been in effect since 1991.

School-to-work programs for ESE students in grades 11 and 12 involve on-site non-paid work experiences at selected community businesses. Project Victory provides ESE students with course credits in employability skills while participating in a teacher-directed field experience at selected sites throughout the district.

Students in the Project Victory program attend the selected work sites for three hours a day and are instructed by an ESE teacher and a job coach. During the 2000-01 school year, ESE students from 32 senior high schools participated at 17 Project Victory business sites as part of this school-to-work program. Additional business sites and schools will be added for the 2001-02 school year, as needed.

There is no exchange of funds.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into cooperative agreements with business sites to facilitate the operation of Project Victory school-to-work programs for exceptional students, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

There is no exchange of funds.

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