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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EDISON SCHOOLS INC. TO CONTINUE THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND EDISON SCHOOLS INC. EXISTING AT HENRY E. S. REEVES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

At the School Board meeting of December 13, 1995, the Board entered into a contractual agreement with The Edison Project for five academic years, beginning August 1996 through June 30, 2001. This contract established the partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and The Edison Project at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School.

Faculty and parents of students at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School have formally expressed through a vote their desire to maintain and build upon the partnership with Edison Schools Inc.

Edison Schools Inc. seeks to maintain the partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and to continue to provide management, operational, and professional development services for the Primary Academy (K-2) and Elementary Academy (3-5) at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School, under provisions of a contract, beginning July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2006.

Additional areas addressed in the contract are:

- Edison Schools Inc. will invest an additional \$1.6 million to support program enhancements and professional development at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School.
- Teachers and staff will continue as M-DCPS employees with contractual rights and benefits as outlined in the *United Teachers of Dade (UTD) Collective Bargaining Agreement* established for the partnership school.
- Edison Schools Inc. will receive 95 percent per pupil funding for the K-5 contract.
- Maintenance services for the Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School facilities will be specified in the contract.
- Transportation services will be provided by Edison Schools Inc. for all eligible students.
- Food services for all students will be provided by M-DCPS.

Authorization is requested to enter into a new contractual agreement with Edison Schools Inc. for five academic years beginning July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2006, to continue the partnership for the K-5 component that presently exists at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, enter into a new contractual agreement with Edison Schools Inc. to continue the partnership that authorizes management, operational, and professional development services for the K-5 component at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School by Edison Schools Inc, beginning July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2006.

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