

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH SUPREME INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THE AGENCY'S EMPLOYEES, FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with Supreme International, Inc., for educational services provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to the agency's employees. Supreme International, Inc., is a division of Perry Ellis International, Inc.

The M-DCPS Business and Industry Services Network (BIS-Net) Department develops training programs that focus on the specialized types of curriculum, equipment/materials, and certified instructors companies require. BIS-Net is constantly re-tooling curriculum to stay current with technology and evolving workplace structures, helping companies maintain their competitive edge through the choice of selected courses.

Supreme International, Inc., designs, imports, and markets men's and boys' sportswear. A pilot program with this business will include training in the following areas: Intensive Spanish, World Language-Spanish, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Leadership and Management Essentials, Effective Selling, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe PhotoShop, Wellness Training, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and PowerPoint. All training will be conducted at Supreme International, Inc.

Under the proposed cooperative agreement:

- M-DCPS will provide teachers, supplies, instructional materials, and selected peripherals. M-DCPS will receive performance funding from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) based on actual Literacy Completion Points (LCPs) earned; and
- Supreme International, Inc., will provide a 12-station, networked computer lab equipped with the appropriate software applications for all workshops, collaboration with BIS-Net staff to determine goals/objectives for skill acquisition, selected peripherals and equipment, workshop enrollment data, and classroom space for all workshops.

Mr. George Feldenkreis is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Supreme International, Inc.

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 a cooperative agreement with Supreme International, Inc., for educational services provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools to the agency's employees, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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