

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CO-NECT, INC., TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AT CYPRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SOUTHWEST MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND G. HOLMES BRADDOCK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000, FOR ALL THREE SCHOOLS, FROM OCTOBER 25, 2001, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

This is a request for authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Co-NECT, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$135,000. Cypress Elementary School and Southwest Miami Senior High School have been implementing the Co-NECT school reform model for the past three years. G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School began implementation during the 2000-2001 school year. The cost for G. Holmes Braddock and Southwest Senior High School is \$55,000 per school, Cypress Elementary School is \$25,000.

The existing Co-NECT contract, which was approved by the School Board at the meeting of October 11, 2000, Agenda Item C-3, expired June 30, 2001. All three schools have indicated that the Co-NECT school reform methodology based on changing classroom practice through the implementation of technology across the curriculum has been very successful. All three schools, Cypress Elementary, Southwest Miami Senior High and G. Holmes Braddock Senior High, indicated the need for a continuation of services to ensure school-based sustainability.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6200, Program 8600, Object 5390, Locations 1281, 7741, and 7051, and the General Operation Budget at each school.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Co-NECT, Inc., to continue to provide technology programs for Cypress Elementary School, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000; Southwest Miami Senior High School, at a cost not to exceed \$55,000; and G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School, at a cost not to exceed \$55,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$135,000, for all three schools, from October 25, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.

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