

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA STERLING COUNCIL, AS SPECIFIED IN BOARD-APPROVED GRANTS, TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE PARADIGM (PEP), AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000, FROM JANUARY 17, 2002 THROUGH MAY 31, 2002

To implement the Sterling Criteria for Organizational Performance Excellence, the District has developed the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Performance Excellence Paradigm (PEP), approved by the Board on May 16, 2001. In support of the PEP, the Board has previously approved grant funds from the Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, the Walton Family Foundation, the Goals 2000 Local Education Reform grant, and the Title VI Innovative Education Program Strategies grant.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with The Florida Sterling Council to furnish services, as provided for in the above-referenced grants, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, from January 17, 2002 through May 31, 2002.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this item on December 17, 2001, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted. The Sterling Council, an agency within the organizational structure of the Florida Governor's office, is the sole provider of these services within Florida.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 2001 – 2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420; Programs 3219, 3685, 3735, and 3753; Object 5310; Location 9023; Function 6400.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida Sterling Council, as specified in Board-approved grants, to provide services to support the implementation of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Performance Excellence Paradigm (PEP), at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, from January 17, 2002 through May 31, 2002; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 2001 – 2002 Adopted Budget.