

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SCHOLASTIC, INC., TO PURCHASE AND USE THE SCHOLASTIC READING INVENTORY TEST AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE READING PLAN, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$595,935, FROM JANUARY 17, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

At its June 20, 2001 meeting, the School Board unanimously approved Agenda Item A-7: Approval of the Comprehensive Reading Plan (CRP). The student assessment component included in the approved plan requires that the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) test be administered annually in the spring (May) to all students in grades 1-11 to determine their reading levels. The Comprehensive Reading Plan, as approved by the School Board at its June 20, 2001 meeting, identified the use of the Scholastic Reading Inventory. Therefore, the contract being recommended here does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

The "Purchase and License Agreement" allows for the purchase of test booklets and the use/reuse of test booklets in grades 4-11. The Agreement specifies the cost of test materials for the three year term of the contract that commences in January 2002 and extends through June 2004. Annual costs are estimated at \$179,962, \$198,434, and \$217,539 for school years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, respectively, not to exceed \$595,935 across a three year period.

As specified in item 6 of the contract, this Agreement shall remain effective through June 30, 2004, unless terminated earlier by any party hereto upon giving the other party 30 days prior written notice, except in the event of a party's breach of this Agreement, which shall be subject to a 15 day notice and opportunity to amend.

Funding for the May 2002 administration was included in the General Fund of the 2001 - 2002 Adopted Budget under the following structure: Fund 0100, Object 5510, Function 5101, Program 8561, Location 9627. Funding beyond May 2002 will be included in future budgets.

A copy of the contractual Agreement will be provided to the School Board members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Scholastic, Inc., to purchase and use the Scholastic Reading Inventory Test as part of the Comprehensive Reading Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$595,935, from January 17, 2001 through June 30, 2004.

The appropriation for the May 2002 Scholastic Reading Inventory is included in the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget. Appropriations for subsequent administrations will be included in future budgets.

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