

January 30, 2002

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HOST THE TENTH ANNUAL INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE AND CAREER EXPOSITION; AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER AND ITS REQUIRED SUBCONTRACTORS WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$100,000 BASED ON THE 2001-2002 EXPENDITURES**

As rapid changes in technology continue to impact teaching and learning, the Tenth Annual Instructional Technology Conference will offer real world applications of instructional technology that promote increased student performance and teacher effectiveness. In addition to the two-day conference for teachers and administrators, secondary schools will be invited to send interested students to a career exposition that will focus on careers in the information technology and Internet fields. Students will hear first hand from leaders in the field and be exposed to courses being offered in the District that will help them prepare for their future.

Proceeds from the conference will again assist students in meeting personal goals relating to technology. A Technology scholarship, *The Ana Gutierrez MacKay Technology Scholarship* or the *TechTrek, Pathways for Computer Professionals Scholarship* will be awarded to each of four high school seniors graduating in the 2002-2003 school year.

Authorization is requested to host the Tenth Annual Instructional Technology Conference and Career Exposition on October 16 - 17, 2002, and to enter into contractual agreements with the Miami Beach Convention Center and its required subcontractors with an estimated cost of \$100,000 based on the 2001-2002 expenditures. Vendor support will cover the entire cost of the conference.

Revenues and appropriations for this event will be included in the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget to be adopted in July 2002. An appropriation will be established in the Trust and Agency Fund, Fund 0821, for the conference.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. host the Tenth Annual Instructional Technology Conference and Career Exposition; and
2. enter into contractual agreements with the Miami Beach Convention Center and its required subcontractors for October 16-17, 2002, to provide facilities and services for the conference with an estimated cost of \$100,000 based on the 2001-2002 expenditures.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Trust and Agency Fund of the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2002.

No local funds are required.

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