

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL ACADEMY FOUNDATION TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BEGINNING IN THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

COMMITTEE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The National Academy Foundation (NAF) is the largest career academy program in the nation, operating Academies of Finance, Academies of Travel and Tourism, and Academies of Information Technology (AOIT). In response to NAF's Request For Proposals, Miami Beach Senior High School submitted a proposal with the guidance of staff from the Division of Schools of Choice and One Community One Goal®. Subsequently, Miami Beach Senior High School received tentative approval from NAF to begin operating an AOIT in the 2002-2003 school year.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with NAF to establish an AOIT at Miami Beach Senior High School in response to industry needs for a qualified workforce. This agreement will ultimately benefit a maximum of 200 students in grades nine through 12. The District agrees to implement the NAF curriculum and to seek local industry leadership and support.

Once the agreement is approved, NAF will provide:

- technical assistance during year of planning;
- industry-specific knowledge and general workplace competencies;
- staff development: annual conferences, regional meetings, and forums;
- team building and leadership development; and
- public relations support.

Such agreement would require a one-time NAF membership fee of \$5,000. The appropriation for this item is included in the Funds for the Improvement of Education Grant, in the following fund structure: Fund 0420, Location 9704, Program 3855, Function 6300, Object 5310.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the National Academy Foundation to establish an Academy of Information Technology at Miami Beach Senior High School beginning with the 2002-2003 school year. Said agreement would require a one-time NAF membership fee of \$5,000.

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