

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HOST THE 2003 SEMINAR FOR ADMINISTRATORS OF BILINGUAL PROGRAMS AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION, FEBRUARY 10-14, 2003, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE HYATT REGENCY MIAMI HOTEL AND THEIR REQUIRED SUBCONTRACTORS**

**COMMITTEE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Seminar for Administrators of Bilingual Programs and International Collaboration is a joint venture of state departments of education and school districts of the United States and Canada and the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports of Spain. It was inaugurated in the Summer of 1999 in Salamanca, Spain, with subsequent Seminars being held in San Diego, California and Santander, Spain. The Seminar provides administrators of bilingual programs from the United States, Canada, and Spain with a forum to debate current trends and best practices in the field of second language education and administration of bilingual programs.

This five-day Seminar will offer participants the opportunity to explore the social and economic context for which our students must prepare, share research-based initiatives in second language acquisition and multicultural education, and learn about the most successful bilingual and dual language programs and practices implemented nationally and internationally. It will also provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on multicultural education, and national and international collaboration.

Activities will include: panel presentations by business and community leaders on the need for multilingual skills in today's job market; presentations of pre-service training and staff development opportunities for bilingual and dual language teachers; papers on research-based educational programs and best practices; visits to schools; and exhibits of instructional materials. Participants will also share initiatives currently being implemented in their school districts.

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Authorization is requested to host the 2003 Seminar for Administrators of Bilingual Programs and International Collaboration from February 10 to February 14, 2003, and to enter into contractual agreements with the Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel and their required subcontractors with anticipated cost not to exceed \$ 55,000. The cost of the seminar is covered by funding from the Florida Department of Education and private sponsors. Appropriations for this event will be included in the 2002-2003 Trust and Agency Fund account, Program 9858, Fund 0821.

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

1. host the 2003 Seminar for Administrators of Bilingual Programs and International Collaboration from February 10 through February 14, 2003; and
2. enter into contractual agreements with the Hyatt Regency Miami hotel and their required subcontractors to provide facilities and services for the Seminar at a cost not to exceed \$ 55,000.

The cost of the Seminar is covered by funding from the Florida Department of Education and private sponsors. Appropriations for this event will be included in the 2002-2003 Trust and Agency Fund account, Program 9858, Fund 0821.

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