

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BERLITZ LANGUAGE CENTER TO PROVIDE SPANISH INSTRUCTION AT PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM AUGUST 26, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 11, 2003

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Berlitz Language Center has provided Spanish instruction at Palmetto Elementary School since the beginning of the 1987-1988 school year. All eligible students in grades K-5 receive instruction in either Spanish as a Second Language or Spanish for Spanish Speakers.

Materials and personnel are provided by the Berlitz Language Center with Palmetto Elementary School serving as the facility. The cost of this program will not exceed \$105,416. Funds from the school's allocation for appropriate bilingual instructional personnel and materials for bilingual programs for eligible students classified as independent in English, will meet the cost.

This contract was reviewed by the Professional Services Contract Committee on March 26, 2003, and is being recommended for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 based on the specific expertise of the company.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5101, Program 6620, Object 5310, Location 4221.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Berlitz Language Center to provide Spanish instruction at Palmetto Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$105,416 from August 26, 2002 through June 11, 2003;
2. authorize the Superintendent, upon continued agreement, to renew the contract for an additional one-year period; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget

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