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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE 2003-2004
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM FEE
SCHEDULE AND TO ESTABLISH A STANDARDIZED STUDENT
PAYMENT POLICY**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida General Appropriations Act does not address the aspect of fees for Workforce Development Education programs. The following is based on the fee schedule approved by the Florida Board of Education in December 2002. The 2003-2004 fees comprise the required local effort for the adult vocational and adult general education programs that fall under the Workforce Development category.

2003-2004 Workforce Development Education Fee Schedule

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>CURRENT COST PER CONTACT HOUR</u>	<u>PROPOSED COST PER CONTACT HOUR</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Resident Vocational Certificate (PSAV)	\$ 1.52	1.63	7.2%
Non-Resident Vocational Certificate	6.05	6.50	7.4%
Resident Adult General Education	.75	.80	7%
Non-Resident Adult General Education	3.00	3.22	7.3%
Resident Continuing Workforce Education	3.03	3.25	7.3%
Non-Resident Continuing Workforce Education	3.03	3.25	7.3%

Section 1009.22 (3) (a), F.S., provides legislative policy for determining fees for Workforce Development programs. In addition, Section 1009.22 (5), F.S., provides that each school board and community college may collect up to an additional 10 percent for financial aid purposes. Proviso language, under Specific Appropriation, line 99, Section 1009.22, F.S., authorizes school districts to increase the established workforce education resident and nonresident tuition fees by up to 7.5 percent. The cost per contact hour includes a base cost in addition to the 10 percent financial aid fee. The 2003-2004 proposed fees include those established fees plus the additional fee, not to exceed 7.5 percent.

In 1999, the method for establishing fees for Continuing Workforce Education shifted to local school districts and community colleges. Section 1009.22 (3) (b), F.S., states, "Fees for continuing workforce education shall be locally determined by the school board or community college board. However, at least 50 percent of the expenditures for the continuing workforce education programs provided by the community college or school district must be derived from fees."

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the 2003-2004 Workforce Development Education Program fee schedule; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to calculate and implement the 2003-2004 Workforce Development Education fee.

No local funds are required.

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