

Office of Human Resources
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL TESTING
SERVICE TO PROVIDE THE COMPUTER-BASED VERSION OF
THE PARAPRO ASSESSMENT TO PARAPROFESSIONAL I
EMPLOYEES**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
PERSONNEL SERVICES**

At the School Board Meeting of November 19, 2003, the Superintendent was authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to provide the computer-based version of the ParaPro Assessment to Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Paraprofessional I employees. ETS has requested an amendment to the contractual agreement. The amendment involves waiving the Patents, Copyrights and Royalties clause.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, Contract and Documents, determined on October 29, 2003 that the ParaPro Assessment was copyrighted and was therefore exempt from Committee review. No Committee action was needed on this item pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.012(7), Purchasing Policies and School Board Rule 6Gx13-3C-1.10, Purchase Approval. The agreement authorizes the purchase of test registrations (session keys), and the ParaPro Assessment is copyrighted property of ETS.

Authorization is requested to amend the original agreement. All other contract terms including the nature of services and contract amount will remain unchanged. Funding for the purchase of test registrations (session keys), as well as for test preparation programs, testing session proctors, and any additional local delivery costs will be provided through the 2003-2004 Title II, Part A grant budget. No additional local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to amend the contractual agreement with Educational Testing Service to provide the computer-based version of the ParaPro Assessment to paraprofessional I employees.

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