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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HOST THE TWELFTH ANNUAL INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE; AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER AND ITS REQUIRED SUBCONTRACTORS WITH ESTIMATED COST OF \$100,000 BASED ON PRIOR CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The *No Child Left Behind* (NLCB) legislation emphasizes the importance of leveraging the power of technology in all areas of K-12 education by promoting fundamental changes in accountability policies and methods and in learning designs and practices. The vision of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Twelfth Annual Instructional Technology Conference is to ensure that technology resources are effectively used to improve student achievement by providing professional development for administrators and teachers. The conference will offer presentations for students, teachers, parents and administrators focusing on national and state technology-related issues.

Authorization is requested to host the Twelfth Annual Instructional Technology Conference on September 22, and 23, 2004. Authorization also is requested to enter into contractual agreements with Miami Beach Convention Center and its required subcontractors, at a cost of \$100,000 based on prior conference expenditures. Vendor support will cover the estimated cost of the conference.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Trust and Agency Fund of the 2003 – 2004 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004 under Fund 0821, Function 9100, Program 9843, Object 5390, Location 9629.

No local funds required.

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

1. host the Twelfth Annual Instructional Technology Conference; and
2. enter into contractual agreements with Miami Beach Convention Center and its required subcontractors for September 22, 23, 2004, to provide facilities and services for the conference at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2003-2004 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004.

No local funds required.