

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR SUMMER READING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS WITH VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, at its Board Meeting of March 17, 2004, approved the implementation of the 2004 Summer Program which will serve approximately 60,000 students with critical academic needs. In order to further provide a productive and safe summer for students, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is requesting authorization to enter into contractual agreements for summer reading enhancement programs with various municipalities. Funding for reading services, in an amount not to exceed \$502,064.00, was approved at the March 17, 2004 Board meeting. Funds must be used to employ M-DCPS certified teachers and purchase materials that support the reading activities.

Request for proposals were sent to 34 municipalities and four responded and requested funding. These municipalities submitted proposals, which included a description of summer reading services that will be provided to the community. If authorized, contracts between the collaborative partners and M-DCPS will be executed so that reading services can commence effective July 1, 2004 through August 13, 2004.

Based on the number of students being served, each municipality will receive an allocation of \$5.25 per student per contact hour for the implementation of reading activities. The number of contact hours varies per municipality. Funding for the summer reading enhancement program were requested from:

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Total Number of Site(s)</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Students to be Served</b>	<b>Total Funding Requested</b>
City of Hialeah	4	300	\$106,470.00
City of Hialeah Gardens	1	60	\$18,742.50
City of Miami	20	2,300	\$301,875.00
City of South Miami	1	140	\$25,725.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>\$452,812.50</b>

The appropriations for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004 under Fund 0100, Function 5101, Program 7100, Object 5390, and Location 9702.

Copies of the contracts will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements for summer reading enhancement programs effective, July 1, 2004 through August 13, 2004, with the following municipalities:

- City of Hialeah in an amount not to exceed \$106,470.00;
- City of Hialeah Gardens in an amount not to exceed \$18,742.50;
- City of Miami in an amount not to exceed \$301,875.00;
- City of South Miami in an amount not to exceed \$25,725.00

The total amount is not to exceed \$502,064.00 approved at the March 17, 2004 Board meeting.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004.

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