

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC., DESIGNATING ROBERT MORGAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER AS THE NISSAN SATELLITE TRAINING CENTER FOR SOUTH FLORIDA, AND TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AND CURRICULUM SUPPORT MATERIALS, FROM MAY 3, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 29, 2005

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is sought to enter into a cooperative agreement with Nissan North America, Inc., whereby Robert Morgan Educational Center will serve as the designated satellite training center for South Florida. Additionally, Nissan North America, Inc., proposes to donate consumable shop/classroom materials; audio/visual programs; curriculum support materials; complete vehicles, as they become available; state-of-the-art diagnostic and test equipment; selected special service tools and boards; and engine and transmission assemblies. This is the first year this partnership will be established with Nissan.

As a component of the cooperative agreement, Nissan North America, Inc., will provide specialized training workshops for Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers and industry technicians in support of Nissan/Infiniti technologies.

The partnership supports the training of minority and economically deprived students in a career area that has been identified as high skills/high wage.

Either party may terminate the agreement prior to its original expiration date, with a minimum of thirty days written notice.

Mr. Nick Agelidis is the Director of Parts and Service Operation at Nissan North America, Inc.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with Nissan North America, Inc., designating Robert Morgan Educational Center as the Nissan satellite training center for South Florida from May 3, 2004 to June 29, 2005;
2. extend the cooperative agreement for a maximum of two additional one-year periods; and
3. accept donations of equipment, curriculum support materials, and vehicles; as they become available, in support of the Nissan automotive training program.

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