

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
MAYTAG CORPORATION TO MAINTAIN A CUSTOMER SERVICE
COOPERATIVE TRAINING PROGRAM AT ROBERT MORGAN
EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is sought to enter into a contractual agreement between Robert Morgan Educational Center (RMEC) and Maytag Corporation to extend a partnership in providing RMEC students with hands-on training. The Major Appliance and Refrigeration program at RMEC operates a customer service cooperative training program with Maytag Corporation wherein the latter supplies the school with appliances needing repair. This arrangement allows the students the opportunity to diagnose repairs needed, prepare estimates, order correct parts, and prepare sample invoices while making repairs under the supervision of an instructor. Students train on state-of-the-art corporate products in order to develop proficient appliance repair skills necessary for employment. The Maytag training program has been in effect since March 28, 1996.

The contractual agreement allows for the selling of appliances that have been repaired by students enrolled at RMEC. The Major Appliance and Refrigeration Repair program at RMEC will be provided with funds from Maytag for products repaired, ranging from \$35 to \$85. Additionally, the school will receive a 20 percent commission for products sold on campus. The Maytag Corporation will use a portion of the proceeds received to purchase materials, tools, and offer scholarships to students. The contractual agreement will become effective July 1, 2004, and may be terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notification.

The Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Maytag Corporation is Mr. Ralph F. Hake.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Workforce Development Education Funds of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1, 2004.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Maytag Corporation, maintaining a customer service cooperative training program at Robert Morgan Educational Center, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

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

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