

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF  
ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING TO ESTABLISH A  
PILOT PROGRAM IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AT BARBARA  
GOLEMAN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida International University (FIU) College of Electrical and Computer Engineering to establish a pilot program in computer technology at Barbara Goleman Senior High School (Goleman) for a maximum of 20 students, in an amount not to exceed \$31,716, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. This is a new contractual agreement.

This program will be implemented at Goleman in a two-hour time block. Severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students will be provided with working knowledge of a computer-aided design software package. Selected SED students from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School will also be enrolled in this program.

The selected students at each center will attend the program and, after completing the program, the students will have the ability to be employed in the area of computer technology. To facilitate this program, FIU will provide the instructors and graduate students needed for the academic instruction as well as educational materials and learning activities.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this contractual agreement on May 27, 2004, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted because of FIU's specific expertise in these fields.

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 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Object 5310, Program 6840, Location 9731.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Florida International University College of Electrical and Computer Engineering, to establish a pilot program in computer technology for a maximum of 20 severely emotionally disturbed students, in an amount not to exceed \$31,716, at Barbara Goleman Senior High School, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

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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