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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE (MDC) UNDER THE
FLORIDA WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida Work Experience Program was instituted to introduce eligible students to work experience that will complement and reinforce their educational program and career goals. Miami Dade College (MDC) has been a grantee institution that contracted with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as an employer of part-time eligible students since September 1988.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been informed that funds will be available for the 2004-2005 school year. MDC, the sponsoring post-secondary institution, funds 100 percent of the wages of the students who will be hired as M-DCPS skilled clerical employees from August 19, 2004 through June 30, 2005. These college students will provide assistance in the administrative offices of M-DCPS K-12 and post-secondary education centers.

Enrollees in the program must meet the requirements set forth under Section 1009.40, Florida Statutes. MDC will reimburse M-DCPS for actual salaries in an amount not to exceed \$85,000. The district share of the cost is limited to paying FRS/FICA retirement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$14,578.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Tentative Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5102, Program 9274, Object 5150, Location 8001.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami Dade College (MDC) under the Florida Work Experience Program, whereby MDC will reimburse the salaries of college students, in an amount not to exceed \$85,000, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will fund FRS/FICA retirement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$14,578, effective August 19, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

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