

Business, Operations, Finance and Construction  
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH DELL TO PROVIDE THE DELL TECHKNOW PROGRAM AT SIX MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$7,500**

**COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

The Dell TechKnow Program helps to prepare students with 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce skills by providing a forty-hour, teacher-led, after-school, hands-on course where students work in teams to learn basics of computer hardware assembly and troubleshooting. Participating students, who successfully complete the after-school program and who have good attendance and good conduct in both the program and in school, earn a refurbished Dell desktop computer, complete with operating system, software, and one year of free Internet access to take home.

Instructional Technology requests to enter into a cooperative agreement with Dell to provide the Dell TechKnow program at six District middle schools for a two-year period. Schools were selected through an application process. The six schools are: Allapattah, Madison, Miami Edison, Miami Springs, Redland and Thomas Jefferson. Dell will provide refurbished computers, curriculum, training, and implementation assistance. The District will provide training, coordination, and funding for the hourly salary of a teacher at each school at an estimated cost of \$7,500 per year.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2004-2005 Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5100, Program 8600, Object 5150, Location 9629.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Dell to provide the Dell TechKnow program at six middle schools.

The funding for this item is included in the 2004-2005 Budget.

OSP/sjd

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