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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE, INC., (SFW) TO PROVIDE A SEVENTH PERIOD CLASS FOR STAY-IN-SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

South Florida Workforce, Inc., (SFW) presently provides a variety of dropout prevention services to approximately 2,400 at-risk high school students enrolled in the Stay-in-School (SIS) Program at 14 participating high schools. As a result of joint planning discussions with principals, SIS facilitators, and district staff from the Division of Student/Career Services and the Office of Adult/Vocational, Alternative, and Community Education (OAVACE), SFW has determined to enhance academic support for these students. Currently \$100,000 has been allocated; however, subject to funding availability, an additional \$140,000 may be allocated to support these initiatives to improve student achievement for Stay-in-School students.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with SFW and to accept an amount of \$100,000 in order to provide seventh-period learning opportunities that meet high school completion needs for Stay-in-School students, effective September 9, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Authorization is also requested to accept an additional \$140,000 from SFW should these funds become available to support the seventh-period initiative for salaries and benefits for an estimated 50 teachers and to provide different schools greater program availability.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers for seventh-period classes will be selected jointly by the school principal and the Stay-in-School facilitator at each site. They will be employed as part-time hourly instructors under the adult education program. Students will be co-enrolled for the seventh-period class for one hour per day from Monday through Friday, and they will have the opportunity to earn $\frac{1}{2}$ high school credit each semester for a total of one credit over the course of the academic year. The classes will follow the curriculum framework for intensive reading or other appropriate remediation that meets high school completion. Educational enrichment activities may include subject-area tutoring, FCAT tutoring, basic skills enrichment, and special Stay-in-School activities such as taking field trips, hearing guest speakers, and training in employability and life skills.

The participating 14 high schools include: Carol City, Coral Gables, Coral Park, Hialeah, Homestead, Miami Beach, Miami Edison, Miami Jackson, Miami Northwestern, North

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Miami, North Miami Beach, South Dade, Southridge, and Booker T. Washington Senior High Schools.

In order for students to participate in the seventh period, the project will utilize a maximum of \$75,000 in student transportation funds that the district has allocated to the Stay-in-School Program.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2004-2005 Tentative Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 7800, Program 9722, Object 5332, Location 9721.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with South Florida Workforce, Inc., (SFW) and accept funding in the amount of \$100,000 to provide seventh-period classes for at-risk students in 14 high schools, effective September 9, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and
2. accept an additional \$140,000, pending availability of funds, to support and enhance the seven-period program.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2004-2005 Tentative Adopted Budget.

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