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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A
 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON & WALES
 UNIVERSITY UNDER THE FLORIDA WORK EXPERIENCE
 PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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. Johnson & Wales University is a grantee institution that proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as an employer of part-time eligible students in skilled clerical positions. This program has been in effect since September 2001.

For the 2005-2006 school year funds in the amount of \$32,400, will be available for M-DCPS. Johnson & Wales University, the sponsoring post-secondary institution, will provide 100 percent of the wages for the students who are hired as M-DCPS skilled clerical employees from August 17, 2005, through August 17, 2006. 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. Johnson & Wales University will reimburse M-DCPS for actual salaries in an amount not to exceed \$32,400. The District share of the cost is limited to paying FRS/FICA retirement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$6,146.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5102, Program 9274, Object 5150, Location 8001.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Johnson & Wales University under the Florida Work Experience Program, effective August 17, 2005, through August 17, 2006, whereby:

1. Johnson & Wales University will reimburse the salaries of its students, in an amount not to exceed \$32,400; and
2. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will fund FRS/FICA retirement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$6,146.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Adopted Budget.

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