

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CO-NECT, INC., OF ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT TO JOHN A. FERGUSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Co-Nect, Inc., to provide program support to John A. Ferguson Senior High School from September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2006, at a cost not to exceed \$52,500. This is the second year of this contract.

Co-Nect, Inc., is an educational consulting organization that helps schools increase integration of technology and project-based learning across the curriculum. This company uses a unique method that is supported by research to help teachers, students, and members of the community raise their level of technology literacy. This model will also provide support in implementing project-based learning, one of the school reform initiatives established as guiding strategies to increase student engagement in the learning process at John A. Ferguson Senior High School.

The Professional Services Contract Committee reviewed the contractual agreement on July 28, 2005, and recommended an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, Professional Services Contracts, regarding bids or Requests for Proposal to be granted as otherwise determined by the committee.

The appropriation for the item is included in the Discretionary Fund of the 2005-2006 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420, Function 6300, Program 3892, Object 5390, Location 7121.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Co-Nect, Inc., to provide educational consulting services to implement project based learning at a cost not to exceed \$52,500; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, Professional Services Contracts.

The appropriation for this item is provided through school site funding.

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