

Office of Professional Development
Ava G. Byrne, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO AUTHORIZE THE
SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD FOR THE
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 12, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007, TO
DELIVER SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND SUPPORT THROUGH
THE *HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK* (HSTW) PROGRAM AT
MIAMI EDISON, MIAMI CENTRAL AND MIAMI JACKSON
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS AS PART OF THE CORRECTIVE
ACTION PLAN**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

Authorization is requested to enter into a contract with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to deliver specialized professional development and on-site support through the *High Schools That Work* (HSTW) program in Miami Edison, Miami Jackson and Miami Central Senior High Schools. HSTW is a state recommended program that has been identified in the Corrective Action Plan mandated by the Florida Department of Education to support these schools.

The Southern Regional Education Board was created in 1948 as the nation's first interstate compact for education. SREB facilitates cooperation among government and education leaders to advance education and thereby improve the region's socio economic vitality. The HSTW program was launched by the Southern Regional Education Board as a school improvement initiative for high school and middle grades leaders and teachers. Approximately 1,200 *HSTW* sites located in 32 states have successfully implemented the *HSTW* Goals and Key Practices framework to raise student achievement.

Under the terms of the proposed contract, HSTW will assist the schools in improving student achievement, enhancing instructional practice and strengthening the quality of leadership through specialized training and follow-up support. HSTW staff members will provide targeted professional development, coaching, training and on-site support over the course of 54 days. In addition, SREB will provide a reform model orientation and professional development targeting literacy and numeracy for teacher cohorts at each school.

The anticipated cost for the contracted services will total \$104,940. The contract term will be effective for the period of October 12, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The proposed contract was presented to the Professional Services Contract Committee on September 21, 2006, and an exception was granted based on the fact the SREB is the sole source for the HSTW model as delineated in School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in Contracted Programs for 2006-2007 under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 3319, Object 5310, Location 9017.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

1. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$104,940 with the Southern Regional Education Board for the period of October 12, 2006, through June 30, 2007, to deliver specialized training and support through the *High Schools That Work* (HSTW) program at Miami Edison, Miami Central and Miami Jackson Senior High Schools as part of the correction action plan, and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021 in light of the fact that SREB is the sole source of the HSTW model.

The appropriation for this item is included in Contracted Programs for 2006-2007.

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