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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TINA PELLETIER CONSULTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,500 FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 18, 2006, THROUGH AUGUST 17, 2007, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES THAT SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE LITERACY STRATEGIES AND DATA ANALYSIS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Tina Pelletier Consulting to provide professional development services that will reinforce implementation of effective research-based literacy strategies and data analysis in 22 critical need elementary schools implementing the Student Teacher Support Team model (ST2). Reading coaches, school psychologists and professional development specialists will participate in the training in an effort to enhance their capacity to directly support teachers.

Under the terms of the proposed contract, Tina Pelletier Consulting will provide rigorous professional learning sessions scheduled three days per month from December 18, 2006, through August 17, 2007, for reading coaches, school psychologists and professional development specialists. Participants will work in cohort groups focusing on critical research based literacy practices, assessment and intervention models and strategies for word work, vocabulary and fluency development. Participants will also analyze student data in order to establish critical learning plans that align academic support for at risk students with identified needs. The sessions will also familiarize participants in the use of a Response to Intervention model to diagnose appropriate interventions, target professional development support, guide instructional practices and monitor student progress.

The anticipated cost for the contracted services will total \$69,500. The contract term will be effective for the period of December 18, 2006, through August 17, 2007. The proposed contract was presented to the Professional Services Contract Committee on November 2, 2006, and an exception was granted based on the specific expertise of Tina Pelletier Consulting to provide the contracted services as delineated in School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021.

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The appropriation for this item is included in Contracted Programs for 2006-2007 under Fund 0420, Object 5390, Location 9017, Program 3412, Function 6400.

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 \$69,500 with Tina Pelletier Consulting for the period of December 18, 2006, through August 17, 2007, to deliver professional development services that will support implementation of effective literacy strategies and data analysis, and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021 in light of Tina Pelletier Consulting's specific expertise to provide the contracted services.

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

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