

November 29, 2006

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Professional Development

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,500 WITH DR. PEDRO NOGUERA FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2007, THROUGH MAY 31, 2007, TO DEVELOP AN URBAN LEADERSHIP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK FOR PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AND TEACHER LEADERS

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Pedro Noguera in an amount not to exceed \$32,500, for the contract period of January 1, 2007, through May 31, 2007, to develop an Urban Professional Development track for approximately 350 M-DCPS principals, assistant principals and teacher leaders. Dr. Noguera's fee includes payment for planning, content development, delivery and follow-up support for multiple presentations, preparation of materials and anticipated travel expenses.

The Office of Leadership Development provides professional development training for school site administrators participating in the Superintendent's Urban Principal Initiative (SUPI) program, Principal Preparation Program (PPP) and the Assistant Principal Preparation Program (A3P). Professional development opportunities are also provided for experienced school site administrators that are serving students in our community. Under the terms of the proposed contract, Dr. Noguera will generate an Urban Professional Development track that will assist all school site administrators in fostering efficient school climates that address issues of efficacy, cultural sensitivity, community outreach and closing the achievement gap for all learners. Related sessions will focus on Creating a Positive School Culture, Effective Instructional Leadership, Building Partnerships with Parents, Discipline and Safety and The Role of Leadership in Sustaining School Improvement.

Dr. Noguera is a noted speaker, author, trainer, consultant and educator in the field of Urban Leadership. Through his work as Executive Director of the Metropolitan Center for Urban Education and as co-Director of the Institute for the study of Globalization and Education in Metropolitan Settings (IGEMS), Dr. Noguera has served as an advisor and engaged in collaborative research with several large urban school districts throughout the United States.

The anticipated cost for the contracted services will total \$32,500. The proposed contract was presented to the Professional Services Contract Committee on November 21, 2006, and an exception was granted based on Dr. Noguera's specific expertise to provide the contracted services as delineated in School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in USDOE competitive grant funds for the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget for the Office of Professional Development under Fund 0420, Location 9316, Program 4902, Object 5390 and Function 6400. No general funds will be used to support this item.

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

1. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement in an amount not to exceed \$32,500 with Dr. Pedro Noguera for the period of January 1, 2007, through May 31, 2007, to develop an Urban Professional Development track for approximately 350 M-DCPS principals, assistant principals and teacher leaders;
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 in light of Dr. Noguera's specific expertise to provide the contracted services.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General fund of the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget.

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