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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING, TO PROVIDE A PRE-APPRENTICE RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL WIRING PROGRAM AND A COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT BARBARA GOLEMAN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,868, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Florida International University (FIU), College of Engineering and Computing, to continue the Pre-apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program, in an amount not to exceed \$29,152, and to continue the Computer Technology Program, in an amount not to exceed \$31,716, at Barbara Goleman Senior High School (Goleman), in a total amount not to exceed \$60,868, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

In 2000, FIU began a Pre-apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program at Goleman for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students. The program provides internships and scholarships, attempts to place every student on a job in the field of residential electrical wiring, and allows students who earn A's and B's to receive FIU credits. The Residential Electrical Wiring Program will continue to be implemented at Goleman in a two-hour time block. Approximately 20 emotionally handicapped (EH) and SED students from Goleman, American Senior High School (American), Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School (Hialeah-Miami Lakes) and Hialeah Senior High School (Hialeah Senior) will also be enrolled in this program.

The Computer Technology Program, which began in 2004, will also continue to be implemented at Goleman in a two-hour time block. Approximately 20 EH and SED students from Goleman, American, Hialeah-Miami Lakes and Hialeah Senior, will be provided with working knowledge of a computer-aided design software package. Upon successful completion of the computer technology program, the students will have the ability to be employed in the field of computers.

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Florida International University will provide instructors and graduate students, educational materials, and learning activities for both the Pre-apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program and the Computer Technology Program.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this Board item on March 22, 2007, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted because of FIU's specific expertise. The specific expertise is based on the fact that FIU's programs can meet the needs of this unique SED population and focus on preparing the students to attempt entry into the workforce after high school. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was not initiated since FIU has trained staff to provide educational, vocational, and transition skills to SED students.

These programs are evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Special Education. The evaluations, including site visits and monitoring program delivery models, found the programs to be effective in providing these specialized vocational skill to EH and SED students.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2007, under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

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

1. enter into contractual agreements with Florida International University (FIU), College of Engineering and Computing, to provide a Pre-apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program, in an amount not to exceed \$29,152, and a Computer Technology Program, in an amount not to exceed \$31,716, at Barbara Goleman Senior High School, in a total amount not to exceed \$60,868, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008; and
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F1.021, for FIU based on specific expertise.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2007.

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