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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP
(NFTE), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,500, TO PROVIDE
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES THAT SUPPORT
ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16,
2007, THROUGH JUNE 5, 2008**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

**STRATEGIC GOAL: DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE
TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL
ECONOMY**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), in an amount not to exceed \$56,500, effective August 16, 2007, through June 5, 2008, to provide rigorous professional development grounded in the fundamentals of entrepreneurship education as well as materials and supplies. The contractual agreement is for four days of training, technical support for a year, and 500 NFTE student textbooks and workbooks. The contractual agreement is consistent with the terms of the contract and aligned to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Secondary School Reform Plan.

NFTE will provide four-day University training during the fall of 2007 to twenty senior high school teachers, as well as continuous technical assistance for the 2007-2008 school year. The selection of teachers will be as follows: three teachers from Coral Gables Senior High School, one teacher from John A. Ferguson Senior High School, one teacher from Miami Southridge Senior High School, two teachers from North Miami Beach Senior High School, two teachers from Miami Edison Senior High School, three teachers from Miami Northwestern Senior High School, three teachers from William H. Turner Technical Arts School, and five teachers from Miami Central Senior High School. These schools were selected because they are either implementing career academies with emphasis on entrepreneurship education or infusing fundamentals of entrepreneurship education in their existing career academies, and they serve a large number of high risk, low-income, minority students. The mission at NFTE is to bring the

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power of entrepreneurship and economic self-sufficiency to high-risk, low-income, minority students around the world. The teachers will become Certified Entrepreneurship Trainers and will be provided with sets of textbooks and workbooks for delivery of the NFTE entrepreneurship curriculum to their students. Students will learn how to create a business plan, keep records, and master other business fundamentals; hence preparing them for their senior year internship experience. The four-day NFTE training will take place at Florida International University (FIU) Biscayne Campus.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this Board item on May 17, 2007, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request For Proposals be granted for NFTE based on specific expertise.

The Executive Director of National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) South Florida is Ms. Alice Horn.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund 2006-2007 budget under Fund 0100, Object 5390, Location 9634, Program 7100, Function 6300.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) to provide professional development services that support entrepreneurship education, in an amount not to exceed \$56,500, effective August 16, 2007, through June 5, 2008; and
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, for NFTE based on specific expertise.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund 2006-2007 Budget.

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