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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY UNDER THE FLORIDA WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JULY 12, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT ADULT/VOCATIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The Florida Work Experience Program was instituted to introduce eligible students to work experience that will complement and reinforce their educational program and career goals. Johnson & Wales University is a grantee institution that proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as an employer of part-time eligible students in skilled clerical positions. This program has been in effect since September 1988.

For the 2007-2008 school year, funds in the amount of \$32,400, will be available for M-DCPS. Johnson & Wales University, the sponsoring post-secondary institution, will provide 100 percent of the wages of the students who will be hired as skilled clerical employees from July 12, 2007, through June 30, 2008. These college students will provide assistance in the administrative offices of M-DCPS, K-12 and post-secondary education centers.

Enrollees in the program must meet the requirements set forth under Section 1009.40, Florida Statutes; Johnson & Wales University will reimburse M-DCPS for actual salaries in an amount not to exceed \$32,400. The District share of the cost is limited to paying FRS/FICA retirement costs, in amount not to exceed \$6,762.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5102, Program 9274, Object 5150, Location 8001.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Johnson & Wales University under the Florida Work Experience Program, effective July 12, 2007, through June 30, 2008 , whereby:

1. Johnson & Wales University will reimburse the salaries of college students, in an amount not to exceed \$32,400; and
2. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) will fund FRS/FICA retirement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$6,762.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Adopted Budget.

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