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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE 2007-2008
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM FEE
SCHEDULE RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2007**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS**

The Florida General Appropriations Act provides that school districts shall increase workforce education fees. The following is based on the fee schedule approved by the Florida Board of Education. The 2007-2008 fees comprise the required local effort for the adult vocational and adult general education programs that fall under the Workforce Development Education category, and are retroactive to July 1, 2007.

2007-2008 Workforce Development Education Fee Schedule

<u>Category</u>	<u>Current Cost Per Contact Hour</u>	<u>Proposed Cost Per Contact Hour</u>
Resident Vocational Certificate	1.84	1.84
Non-Resident Vocational Certificate	7.34	7.34
Resident Adult General Education	.90	.90
Non-Resident Adult General Education	3.64	3.64
Resident Continuing Workforce Education	3.67	3.67
Non-Resident Continuing Workforce Education	3.67	3.67

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Section 1009.22 (4), F.S., provides legislative policy for determining fees for Workforce Development programs. In addition, Section 1009.22 (4), F.S., provides that each school board may collect up to an additional 10 percent for financial aid purposes and authorizes school districts to increase the established workforce education resident and non-resident tuition fees by up to five percent. The cost per contact hour includes a base cost in addition to the 10 percent financial aid fee. The 2007-2008 proposed fees include those established fees plus the additional fee, not to exceed 2.5 percent. We have just been notified that the Governor vetoed tuition increases.

In 1999, the method for establishing fees for continuing workforce education shifted to local school districts. Section 1009.22 (4), F.S., states: "Fees for continuing workforce education shall be locally determined by the school board. However, at least 50 percent of the expenditures for the continuing workforce education programs provided by the school district must be derived from fees."

No local funds are required.

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

1. approve the 2007-2008 Workforce Development Education Program fee schedule retroactive to July 1, 2007; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to calculate and implement the 2007-2008 Workforce Development Education fee.

No local funds are required.

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