

July 19, 2007

Ava G. Byrne, Deputy Superintendent
Professional Development

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO
PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE
EDUCATION FUND FOR THE *FAMILYTECH* PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS**

During the School Board Meeting held on May 18, 2005, the Board approved Agenda Item D-2 authorizing a Personnel Assignment Agreement with The Education Fund for *FamilyTech*, a program funded by Citi Foundation and supported by Citibank. The program, which is led by The Education Fund, must be renewed each year. To support the program, a Personnel Assignment Agreement with the District has been in effect since October, 1999.

The primary goal of *FamilyTech* is to insure that low income public school students and their families acquire critical technology literacy skills necessary for success in the 21st century workplace. The *FamilyTech* program is available in the following elementary schools that applied and were selected to participate in the program: Bel-Aire Elementary, Fienberg/Fisher Elementary, Charles R. Hadley Elementary, Lorah Park Elementary, Southside Elementary, Lillie C. Evans Elementary, Comstock Elementary, and Broadmoor Elementary. Following The Education Fund's receipt of an Enhancing Education Through Technology grant, the *FamilyTech* program was expanded to serve five elementary schools in the School Improvement Zone: Norland Elementary, Bunche Park Elementary, Dr. Henry W. Mack/West Little River Elementary, Santa Clara Elementary and Phillis Wheatley Elementary. During the 2007-2008 school year, the program will be expanded to Jose Marti Middle and Lake Stevens Middle Schools, in light of a new partnership established by The Education Foundation and Miami-Dade County Public Schools with the Dell TechKnow Program.

The Board is requested to authorize the entry into a Personnel Assignment Agreement with The Education Fund to permit Ms. Jennifer Williams to serve as a 10-month Teacher Trainer in the *FamilyTech* program. This agreement will be effective from August 4, 2007, through May 31, 2008. Ms. Williams will be paid through the Division of Instructional

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Technology. The Education Fund will provide full reimbursement to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for payment of Ms. Williams' salary and fringe benefits in the amount of \$90,391.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Personnel Assignment Agreement with The Education Fund for:

1. Ms. Jennifer Williams for the *FamilyTech* program from August 16, 2007, through June 6, 2008;
2. full reimbursement of salary and fringe benefits to be provided by The Education Fund; and
3. renewal, upon mutual agreement, for one additional year.

AGB:hf