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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$844,299 FROM JULY 1, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: STRENGTHEN BUSINESS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The purpose of this 2007-2008 contractual agreement for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, is to fund an agreed-upon share of the cost of duties performed by the deans, adjunct arts teachers, visiting artists, art supplies, plant operation and maintenance, and security for the New World School of the Arts. The contracted amount will not exceed \$844,299, and will be paid to Miami Dade College, the fiscal agent.

This 21-year-old school counts among its alumni winners of the Tony Award, Latin Grammy Awards, Presidential Scholars in the Arts, National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Competition, National Scholastic Arts Award Portfolio, National Gold Key Award, and a host of other artistic and academic honors including a National School of Merit Award. Graduates perform on Broadway, in prestigious dance companies, orchestras, and exhibit internationally in museums and galleries. The achievements of its outstanding conservatory have placed New World School of the Arts in the highest echelons of arts institutions, namely one of the top five in the nation. Furthermore, the New World School of the Arts has consistently garnered an "A" grade since the inception of the Statewide school accountability program.

Copies of the agreement will be transmitted to School Board members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

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The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget recommended for adoption August 2007, under Fund 0100, Function 5103, Program 9117, Object 5310, Work Location 7901.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami Dade College to fund an agreed-upon share for the New World School of the Arts, in an amount not to exceed \$844,299, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget recommended for adoption in August, 2007.

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