

Freddie Woodson, Associate Superintendent
School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BERLITZ LANGUAGE CENTER TO PROVIDE SPANISH INSTRUCTION AT PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM AUGUST 20, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 5, 2008

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

The Berlitz Language Center has provided Spanish instruction at Palmetto Elementary School since the beginning of the 1987-1988 school year. All eligible students in grades K-5 receive instruction in either Spanish as a Second Language or Spanish for Spanish Speakers.

Materials and personnel are provided by the Berlitz Language Center with Palmetto Elementary School serving as the facility. The cost of this program will not exceed \$134,000 annually. Funds from the school's allocation for appropriate bilingual instruction personnel and materials for bilingual programs for eligible students classified as independent in English will meet the cost.

This contract was reviewed by the Professional Services Contract Committee on June 21, 2007, and is being recommended for a waiver from School Board 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 because Berlitz Language Center has specific expertise in the area.

The Chief Operating Officer of the Americas is Mr. Mike Kashani.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget recommended for adoption in August 2007 under Fund 0100, Function 5101, Program 6620, Object 5310, Location 4221.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Berlitz Language Center to provide Spanish instruction at Palmetto Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$134,000 from August 20, 2007, through June 5, 2008;
2. extend the contract, upon mutual agreement, for three (3) additional one-year periods, at a cost not to exceed \$134,000 annually; and
3. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 based on specific expertise.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Budget recommended for adoption in August 2007.

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