

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: MULTIPLE VENDOR CONTRACTS THAT EXCEED \$100,000**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION MAKING  
THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT**

Many contractual agreements are presented to the School Board for consideration throughout the year in keeping with the requirements of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, Requests for Proposals and Professional Services Contracts. However, numerous contracts do not meet the dollar threshold or other criteria established in the Board Rule and, therefore, do not come before the Board for approval. In some instances, the aggregate totals can reach substantial amounts to a single vendor. If this is the case with a particular vendor, the Board should be aware of the aggregate sum paid out.

Contracts that are awarded by region centers and schools may, when summed together, exceed \$100,000 and be undetected by the Board, as appears to be the case with Scientific Learning.

In order to be watchful custodians of the public and to increase transparency in the district, the Board should require that a procedure be established whereby the cumulative totals awarded to companies over the course of a period of time be known to the Board.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTA PÉREZ:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida direct the Superintendent to:

1. establish a procedure whereby the Board is made aware of contracts to vendors or consultants that are awarded by region centers and schools that in the aggregate exceed \$100,000.
2. provide to the Board a list of all vendors or consultants who have received contracts that in the aggregate exceed \$100,000 over the past four years and to give the dates and amounts of those contracts.
3. notify the Board whenever the aggregate total of contracts with vendors or consultants reaches \$100,000 to any one vendor.