

Office of Professional Development
Ava G. Byrne, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SIGNATURE GARDENS FOR SERVICES RELATING TO THE M-DCPS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON ON MAY 17, 2008, HONORING THE 2007 RECIPIENTS OF NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP AND RETAIN HIGH-PERFORMING AND MOTIVATED FACULTY AND STAFF

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Signature Gardens for services relating to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Celebration Luncheon that will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008, to honor 191 M-DCPS educators that achieved National Board Certification during November, 2007.

Establishment of a Trust and Agency account for collection of revenues and payment of expenses related to the National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) Celebration Luncheon was previously authorized by the School Board at its meeting on December 19, 2007. In addition to Board authorization to establish a Trust & Agency account, the Board also authorized a contractual agreement with Jungle Island to host the event on Saturday, February 23, 2008. In light of the fact that the date for the celebration luncheon was rescheduled, Jungle Island is unable to accommodate the event, thereby prompting a change in venue. The contract with Jungle Island was not executed and an alternate location has been reserved for the luncheon.

The anticipated contract amount will not exceed a cost of \$12,000. All costs for the luncheon will be paid through corporate sponsorships that will support participation by newly-certified NBCTs attending the event. Additional funding will be secured through ticket sales in the amount of \$25 per person for other participants. The district will not incur any costs for this event.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Signature Gardens to provide services relating to the National Board Certified Teacher Celebration Luncheon that will be held on May 17, 2008. There will be no cost to the district.

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