

Office of Professional Development
Ava G. Byrne, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE DISTRICT-WIDE ZELDA GLAZER WRITING INSTITUTE AND HOLOCAUST INSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Authorization is requested to implement a professional development initiative to support the *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute* and the *Holocaust Institute*. In addition to offering high quality professional development activities for instructional personnel in partnership with the University of Miami, the initiative will provide an overarching direction for professional learning during the 2008-2009 school year, targeting effective instruction in student writing and Holocaust education.

Instructional Opportunities

The *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute* offers a two-week intensive writing workshop modeled from the National Writing Project. As a 20-year joint project developed by the University of Miami in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the institute provides training for 120 teachers each year. Participating teachers representing all discipline areas acquire instructional strategies based on national and state writing standards to improve student writing. Upon completion of institute requirements, participants will receive three graduate credits from the University of Miami in lieu of a daily stipend.

The *Holocaust Institute* provides a one-week intensive workshop that addresses state legislative requirements relating to Holocaust education. Offered in partnership with the University of Miami, approximately thirty-five (35) participants receive materials, strategies and resources aimed at increasing their knowledge with respect to Holocaust instruction. Participants also produce a three-week lesson unit that provides a framework to teach lessons relating to the Holocaust. Upon completion of institute requirements, participants will receive three graduate credits from the University of Miami in lieu of a daily stipend.

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Funding

The anticipated costs for the **Zelda Glazer Writing Institute** and the **Holocaust Institute** will total \$120,000 as set forth below. Funding earmarked for professional development under Title II, Part A budgeted under the following structure: Fund 0420, Location 9017, Program 4269, Object 5390, and Function 6400 will be applied to cover the cost. General funds will not be utilized to cover this expense.

Institute	Target Audience	Contractor	Cost
Zelda Glazer/University of Miami Writing Institute	All teachers	University of Miami	\$100,000
Holocaust Institute	All teachers	University of Miami	\$20,000

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

1. implement the district-wide **Zelda Glazer Writing Institute** and the **Holocaust Institute** Professional Development initiative;
2. enter into contractual agreements with the University of Miami in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 to deliver the two institutes listed on page 1 of the Board Item;
3. allocate funding in the amount of \$120,000 from Title II, Part A to support the district-wide **Zelda Glazer Writing Institute** and the **Holocaust Institute** Professional Development initiative.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Program Fund) for 2007-2008.

AGB/CM/mv