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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR THE
DELIVERY OF THE 2010 ZELDA GLAZER WRITING
INSTITUTE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC EDUCATION
FRAMEWORK:**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami to deliver the 2010 *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute* for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

The *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute* (Writing Institute) is a two-week professional development experience that will be made available to eighty (80) District teachers, through a District-wide application process, from June 21, 2010 to July 2, 2010. The Writing Institute guides participants in creating a meaningful writing program, offers tools that empower teachers to provide instruction on teaching and grading student writing, and encourages participants to share their new expertise with colleagues. Teachers will return to their classrooms to implement these techniques and activities which will enable their students to become more engaged and gain a greater mastery of the writing process. Participants will earn sixty (60) Master Plan Points for successfully completing the two-week intensive professional development session.

Staff from Language Arts /Reading and Program Evaluation has discussed with University of Miami Faculty a design to collect data to correlate student achievement on the FCAT Writes with teacher participation in the *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute*. The results will demonstrate the return on investment for this professional development.

The funding for the 2010 *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute* is budgeted through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund grant from the following budget structure: Fund 0420, Location 9017, Object 5390, Program 3051, and Function 6400.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami for the delivery of the 2010 *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute* in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.