

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH DR. BEVERLY SHOWERS FOR CONSULTATION AND TRAINING FOR THE DADE ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000, FROM JULY 15, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
- III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES

The Dade Academy for Excellence in Teaching (DAET) has been funded for the third year by the Florida Department of Education, Office of Professional Training Services, to continue the DAET grant which has identified promising teaching practices and developed an inservice model for the professional development of teachers. The intent of the DAET grant is to develop, implement, and produce a training model based on research to impact student learning and achievement for both exceptional and regular education students. The DAET training model is being developed in such a manner as to be transportable to other schools/districts.

The Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services was initially awarded the grant in January 1997 to develop teacher training based on research to impact student achievement in classrooms in partnership with the Southeastern Higher Education Consortium. The DAET continues to work with three schools (Charles R. Drew Middle School, Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School and Robert Renick Educational Center). The schools will become demonstration sites for developing, piloting, and disseminating teacher training materials/procedures aimed at improving student engagement with learning (specifically reading across the curriculum) with the resultant aim of improving student achievement.

Dr. Beverly Showers is an internationally recognized consultant with an extensive background in school renewal and improvement efforts, staff development and implementation, and reading strategies. Dr. Showers will be continuing her work as a consultant with the DAET. Staff is requesting approval of the contract with Dr. Showers to include up to 31 days of on-site consultation and teacher training, including support and follow-up, planning, materials development, and assistance with assessment and evaluation throughout the coming school year at the three school sites, in an amount not

to exceed \$50,000. This fee covers all of the consultant's on-site visitations, preparation and travel expenses.

The committee established by Board Rule 6Gx 13- 3F-1.021 met on June 24, 1999, to review this request and recommends that an exception to the rule be granted as the contractor has specific expertise in this area.

The appropriation for this item will be included under Fund 0420, Function 6140, Program 4698, Object 5130, Location 9615, in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption on July 26, 1999.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Beverly Showers to provide consultation and training for the Dade Academy for Excellence in Teaching, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, from July 15, 1999 through June 30, 2000; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx 13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Contracted Program Fund of the 1999-2000 of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption on July 26, 1999.

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