

Facilities Planning and Construction  
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PAYMENT TO GE CAPITAL MODULAR FOR  
THE RENTAL OF MOBILE OFFICE AND INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS**

At its October 1999 meeting, the Board authorized payment to GE Capital Modular for leasing of various trailers being used as instructional and office space. These lease payments were authorized through February 29, 2000. The Board also authorized negotiating the purchase of units from this vendor for which a verifiable need was established (Board Meeting of October 20, 1999, Item J-25).

Pursuant to this authorization, staff has obtained buyout costs from GE, and has opened discussions regarding these costs. Although the vendor's representative has indicated an initial agreement with several of the District's proposed purchase prices, formal acceptance and counter offers have not been forthcoming on a timely basis. Therefore, in order to allow time for staff to pursue this process and, if necessary, plan alternatives which will not impact services and programs, it is requested that the Board extend its authorization to lease these units until August 31, 2000, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize payment to GE Capital Modular in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period March 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000 for the utilization of 7 mobile office and instructional units.

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