

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent  
Education

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DELTA EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CULTURAL INITIATIVE (PROJECT VISION), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$98,687, TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS, FROM MARCH 16, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2000**

Authorization is sought to enter into a contractual agreement with the Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative (Project Vision), to increase opportunities and develop alternative programming for children and adults in selected Miami-Dade County public school sites, from March 16, 2000 through December 15, 2000. The objectives of Project Vision include tutoring, computer training, mentoring, and self-esteem experiences for families in the Carol City area of Miami-Dade County.

At the 1999 Florida Legislative Session, by the Appropriation Act, Specific Application 109, the Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative was authorized to serve students at Lake Stevens Elementary School, Lake Stevens Middle School, Carol City Elementary School, and Carol City Middle School, at a cost not to exceed \$98,687.

The idea for this project began in 1996 when a group of members of the Miami Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority met to discuss strategies for reaching underserved populations in Carol City. The Honorable Carrie Meek and the Honorable Kendrick Meek were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition.

The goals of the project are strategies, tools, and resources for enabling students to improve test scores, assist WAGES participants to empower families to be better citizens. These initiatives will be implemented through a comprehensive and collaborative approach, creating linkages with community partners.

The funds necessary for implementing this program will be provided by basic FTE, generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget, under Fund 0100, Function 6300, Program 9738, Object 5310, Location 9701.

The President of the Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative is Ms. Andrea Pelt Campbell.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative (Project Vision), in an amount not to exceed \$98,687, to increase opportunities and develop alternative programming for children and adults in the Carol City area of Miami-Dade County, from March 16, 2000 through December 15, 2000.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.

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