

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY UNDER THE FLORIDA WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM, WHEREBY JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY WILL REIMBURSE THE SALARIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,400, AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL COVER FRS/FICA RETIREMENT COSTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,467, FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2001

The Florida Work Experience Program was instituted to introduce eligible students to work experience that will complement and reinforce their educational program and career goals. Johnson & Wales University is a grantee institution that proposes to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) as an employer of part-time eligible students in paraprofessional positions. M-DCPS has been informed that funds will be available for the 2000-2001 school year. Johnson & Wales University, the sponsoring post-secondary institution, provides 100 percent of the wages of the students who will be M-DCPS paraprofessional employees. These college students will provide instructional aid primarily with low-income, inner city area elementary and secondary students and secondly, with adult students lacking basic or functional literacy skills.

Johnson & Wales University students are paid an hourly rate commensurate with that of M-DCPS paraprofessionals. Enrollees in the program must meet the requirements set forth under Section 240.404, Florida Statutes. Johnson & Wales University will reimburse M-DCPS for actual salaries up to a maximum of \$32,400. M-DCPS share of the cost is limited to paying FRS/FICA retirement costs, in an amount not to exceed \$6,467.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in September 2000 under Fund 0100, Object 5150, Location 8001, Program 9274, Function 5102.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Johnson & Wales University under the Florida Work Experience Program, whereby Johnson & Wales University will reimburse the salaries of college students, in an amount not to exceed \$32,400, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools will cover FRS/FICA retirement costs in an amount not to exceed \$6,467, from September 1, 2000 through June 1, 2001.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in September 2000.

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