Financial Affairs Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

## SUBJECT: APPROVE PAYMENT TO CDE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.

The Board is requested to approve payment to CDE Research Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$39,985.20, for reimbursement of professional services rendered for the Professional Assessment and Comprehensive Evaluation System (PACES) pilot program. At its meeting of August 28, 1996, the Board awarded Request For Proposals #289-SS10 - Development and Implementation of Assessment and Evaluation Systems for All Dade County Public Schools Instructional Personnel 1996-1999, for the Office of Professional Standards, effective August 28, 1996, through July 28, 1999. The purpose of this proposal was to establish a contract for implementation of a professional development program, for instructional personnel, to improve classroom practice and advance student learning. Based on the success of the program, as a joint initiative, the M-DCPS/UTD Joint Committee on Standards for Educational Evaluation, requested an extension of the district-wide PACES pilot study for an additional year, during the 1999-2000 school year.

Fund Source 0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility None

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, APPROVE payment to CDE Research Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$39,985.20, for reimbursement of professional services rendered for the Professional Assessment and Comprehensive Evaluation System (PACES) pilot program, for the Office of Professional Standards, during the 1999-2000 school year.

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