

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR TRAINING WITH WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION, FROM JANUARY 3, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Whirlpool Corporation, from January 3, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Whirlpool Corporation has proposed a joint training venture with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to be located at Robert Morgan Technical Arts Senior High School. If approved, a Whirlpool Training Center will be created to provide supplemental training for incumbent workers from the southeastern United States.

This arrangement will bring approximately 65 additional household appliances to the school to be used as training aids, as well as a computer video projection unit, training manuals, software, and technical assistance. Subsequent donations are anticipated throughout the duration of the agreement. Program participants will be enrolled as supplemental students at Robert Morgan.

As availability permits, students enrolled in the regular Major Appliance Repair program at the center, as well as M-DCPS Major Appliance Repair instructors, may attend the supplemental training sessions offered through Whirlpool Corporation. This is a unique opportunity for students and teachers to receive advanced industry instruction concerning the latest innovations in the industry.

Mr. David Whitwam is the chief executive officer of the Whirlpool Corporation.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement for training with Whirlpool Corporation, from January 3, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

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