

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EDISON SCHOOLS INC. TO EXTEND THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND EDISON SCHOOLS INC. EXISTING AT HENRY E. S. REEVES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

At the School Board meeting of December 13, 1995, the Board entered into a contractual agreement with The Edison Project for five academic years, beginning August 1996 through June 30, 2001. This contract established the partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and The Edison Project at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School.

Faculty and parents of students at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School have formally expressed through a vote their desire to maintain and build upon the partnership with Edison Schools Inc. Improved FCAT scores, support for the Edison Program design, and the establishment of a new K-8 educational complex, including a grade 6-8 Henry E. S. Reeves-Edison Junior Academy charter school component, warrant this support.

Edison Schools Inc. seeks to maintain the partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and to continue to provide management, operational, and professional development services for the Primary Academy (K-2) and Elementary Academy (3-5) at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School under provisions of a contract beginning July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2006.

Additionally, Item A-2 of the School Board meeting of April 18, 2001, is a request by the parents and the United Teachers of Dade to establish a grade 6-8 Henry E. S. Reeves-Edison Junior Academy charter school on the campus of Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School. It would open in August 2001 serving 210 sixth grade students and phasing into a full 6-8 program by 2003. Edison Schools Inc. will construct a middle learning center on the Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School campus to accommodate up to 620 middle school students. Edison Schools Inc. will also manage, operate, and provide professional development services to the Henry E. S. Reeves-Edison Junior Academy charter school, thereby, assuring a cohesive K-8 program structure.

Additional areas addressed in the contract are:

- Edison Schools Inc. will invest an additional \$1.6 million to support program enhancements and professional development at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School.
- Teachers and staff will continue as M-DCPS employees with contractual rights and benefits as outlined in the *UTD Collective Bargaining Agreement* established for the partnership school.
- Edison Schools Inc. will receive 95 percent per pupil funding for the K-5 contract.
- Maintenance services for the Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School facilities will be specified in the contract and provided by M-DCPS.
- Transportation services will be provided by Edison Schools Inc. for all students requiring transportation.
- Food services for all students will be provided by M-DCPS.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Edison Schools Inc. for five academic years beginning July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2006, to extend the partnership for the K-5 component that presently exists at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, enter into a new contractual agreement with Edison Schools Inc. to extend the partnership that authorizes management, operational, and professional development services for the K-5 component at Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary School by Edison Schools Inc. beginning July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2006.

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