

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF 70 TEACHERS IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS/ UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ZELDA GLAZER 2001 SUMMER WRITING INSTITUTE, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$51,000, FROM JUNE 18, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 29, 2001

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)/University of Miami Zelda Glazer Summer Writing Institute has, for the past 17 years, trained teachers in the most recent research-based strategies for teaching reading and writing. The Institute brings leaders in the field of English education from across the nation to teach this course. Each summer, 125 teachers have attended the two-week summer session and the Saturday follow-up sessions scheduled throughout the school year. Funding for the M-DCPS/University of Miami Zelda Glazer Summer Writing Institute for 125 teachers was authorized by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 18, 2001.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a second contractual agreement with the University of Miami for 70 teachers to participate in the 2001 M-DCPS/University of Miami Zelda Glazer Summer Writing Institute, at a cost not to exceed \$51,000. Funds will be used to cover the cost of tuition for three graduate credits and for three Saturday follow-up sessions that will be held during the 2001-2002 school year.

The appropriation for this item is included in General Fund 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Object 5390, Location 9609, Program 6600, Function 5131; Fund 0100, Object 5310, Location 9731, Program 6840, Function 5217; and Fund 0100, Object 5310, Location 9627, Program 9000, Function 5101.

This agenda item does not appear in the published agenda. The good cause to vary from the agenda is due to the funding not having been finalized prior to the publishing of the agenda and the program starting date of June 18, 2001 is prior to the next scheduled Board meeting.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami for the participation of 70 teachers to participate in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools/University of Miami Zelda Glazer 2001 Summer Writing Institute, at a cost not to exceed \$51,000, from June 18, 2001 through June 29, 2001.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget.

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