

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO INCARCERATED STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000, FROM OCTOBER 1, 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2002**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, to provide training and educational services to incarcerated students, from October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools district, under the aegis of the Miami Skill Center, has developed an educational program, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, to address the needs of incarcerated students. This program will be available through the following correctional facilities: Turner Guilford Knight, Women's Detention Center, Metro West Detention Center and Pre-Trial Detention Center. The Miami Skill Center will provide literacy and vocational education training in the following areas: Adult Basic Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, GED preparation, automotive mechanics, automotive body repair and refinishing, business systems, cabinet making, welding, printing and graphic arts, small engine repair, carpentry, cosmetology, and other educational programs deemed beneficial and appropriate.

The Miami Skill Center will provide 375 hours of vocational instruction per trimester at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per contact hour per student. There will be no charge for academic instruction. Rates are subject to change when mandated by the school district.

The Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department will provide instructional space and security, student materials, books, and testing materials. Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections will provide payment on a trimester basis, the total not to exceed \$400,000.

There is no additional cost to the district.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, from October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002;
2. provide education and training to inmates of correctional facilities; and
3. receive payments for these services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

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