

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 14, 2002 THROUGH JULY 31, 2002

The Florida Department of Education granted funds under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to fund projects that promote literacy and increase basic educational skills among adults in Florida. Two such funded grants from different funding sources were awarded to Miami Beach Adult & Community Education Center. An integral collaborative component of both grants is a family literacy curriculum for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) parents and children which was developed by the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. The objective of the historical initiative component is to promote a better understanding and acculturation of immigrants into the history, environment, and ecology of South Florida and to preserve and promote its safekeeping and survival.

Qualified ESOL teachers and staff deliver classes and field experiences for adults and children in the project. The museum educators schedule activities for children and parents at Treasure Island Elementary School and the Miami Beach Police Athletic League (PAL), which serves children and parents in South Pointe, Fienberg-Fisher, and North Beach elementary schools. The museum educators cooperatively select a subject point for instruction, followed by a culminating field trip to the historical site.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this contractual agreement on January 25, 2002, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted because the Historical Museum of Southern Florida is sole source.

The Director of Education at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, is Ms. Stacey DelaGrana.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420, Function 5100, Programs 3692 and 4097, Object 5310, Location 7202.