

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BARRY UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE THE 2002 MIGRANT EDUCATION SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR 40 MIGRANT STUDENTS

This year the Florida Department of Education, Office of Title I/Migrant Programs, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), and Barry University will be hosting the Migrant Education Summer Institute. The Summer Institute is funded by the Florida Department of Education's Office of Title I/Migrant Education to M-DCPS Migrant Education Program who serves as the fiscal agent and contracts with Barry University to serve as host to implement the institute.

The 2002 Summer Institute at Barry University is a highly individualized six-week residential program serving up to 40 eligible migrant students. Students will arrive at Barry University on Sunday, June 16, 2002, and leave campus on Friday, July 26, 2002. The program is designed to meet the needs of ninth through twelfth grade high school students who are at risk of academic failure due to school interruptions and absences that may have occurred during the year. The ultimate aim of the program is to provide the opportunity for students to be promoted to the next grade level and, for seniors, to graduate from high school.

The Migrant Education Summer Institute provides academic instruction, guidance, personal counseling, a well-rounded physical and recreational program, and exposure to university and community cultural experiences. Some activities to serve the students include: community service projects, communication and journalism projects, Olympic games, group competitions, student government, Future Leaders Program, guest speakers and field trips. Each student can earn up to two high school credits while enrolled at the institute. Tutors will support day classes with individualized instruction as needed. Residential staff will work with those students who need even more academic assistance. The program employs instructional staff who are knowledgeable about the challenges faced by this highly at-risk population, and have the skills to communicate effectively with students.

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The projected cost of the Migrant Education Summer Institute will be approximately \$373,000. The Migrant Education Summer Institute augments the educational programs authorized by Board action at the Board Meeting of February 13, 2002, Item C-2.

No local funds are required. The Florida Department of Education, Office of Title I Migrant has appropriated all funds to implement this item during the Summer of 2002. The funding structure in the M-DCPS Title I Migrant budget is: Fund 0420, Location 943I, Program 4914.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to accept the appropriation from the Florida Department of Education, Office of Title I Migrant and enter into a contractual agreement with Barry University to provide the 2002 Migrant Education Summer Institute to 40 migrant students in an amount not to exceed \$373,000.

The appropriation for this item is included in the M-DCPS Title I Migrant budget for Summer 2002.

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