

June 7, 2002

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT SERVICES FOR MAGNET PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS**

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Florida International University, in an amount not to exceed \$84,946; Miami-Dade Community College, in an amount not to exceed \$84,900; and St. Thomas University, in an amount not to exceed \$5,700, for a total amount not to exceed \$175,546 to provide dual enrollment services for various magnet programs and schools.

Magnet programs and schools offer unique educational settings within the District for which special resources are provided, including dual enrollment credit opportunities for students at private and public colleges and universities within Miami-Dade County. The proposed dual enrollment services will take place at various magnet and/or college/university locations from July 8, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The rationale for selection of college and university programs is based on students' course of magnet theme studies, availability of course offerings, and its concomitant cost effectiveness.

The Professional Services Committee reviewed the contractual agreements on May 31, 2002, and recommended that an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, Professional Services Contracts, regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted because the institutions have specific expertise in their respective fields.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2002, under Fund 0100, Function 5103, Magnet Programs, Object 5310, Multiple Locations.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Florida International University, in an amount not to exceed \$84,946; Miami-Dade Community College, in an amount not to exceed \$84,900; and St. Thomas University, in an amount not to exceed \$5,700, for a total amount not to exceed \$175,546 for dual enrollment services for magnet programs and schools; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, Professional Services Contracts.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2002-2003 General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2002.

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