

June 4, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND DESIGN TO CONTINUE A PRE-APPRENTICE RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL WIRING PROGRAM AT MIAMI-DOUGLAS MACARTHUR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH AND BARBARA GOLEMAN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with the Florida International University (FIU) College of Engineering and Design to continue the Pre-apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program at Miami-Douglas MacArthur Senior High School South (MacArthur South), in an amount not exceed \$33,042, and Barbara Goleman Senior High School (Goleman), in an amount not to exceed \$15,747, for a total amount not to exceed \$48,789, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

In August 1995, FIU began a Pre-apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program at MacArthur South and in September 2000, began the same program at Goleman. The program provides internships and scholarships, attempts to place every student on a job in the field of residential electrical wiring, and allows students who earn A's and B's to receive FIU credits.

Approximately 45 students will be enrolled in the program at MacArthur South and 10 severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students will be enrolled at Goleman. The selected students at each center will attend the program and, at the end of the school year, may possibly earn an FIU credit. To facilitate this program, FIU will provide the instructors and graduate students needed for the academic instruction as well as educational materials and learning activities. Electricians from private industry will conduct safety seminars and demonstrations.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed these contractual agreements on May 29, 2003, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as FIU has specific expertise in the field.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2003 under the following structures:

School	Fund	Object	Location	Program	Function
Miami-Douglas MacArthur South	0100	5390	9724	6083	5120
Barbara Goleman	0100	5310	9731	6840	5217

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with the Florida International University College of Engineering and Design to continue a Pre-apprentice Residential Electrical Wiring Program at Miami-Douglas MacArthur Senior High School South, in an amount not to exceed \$33,042, and Barbara Goleman Senior High School, in an amount not to exceed \$15,747, for a total amount not to exceed \$48,789, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2003.

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