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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH DR. RENÉE
SACKS TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE
EVALUATION AND ALIGNMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION AS
PART OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SECONDARY
SCHOOL REFORM FRAMEWORK**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Renée Sacks to provide consultant services for the evaluation and alignment of career education as part of the District's Secondary School Reform Framework approved by the School Board on March 16, 2005. Furthermore, this contractual agreement fulfills the District's obligation for the evaluation of career program implementation as defined by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, Sections 135(b), "Required Use of Funds" and 135(c), "Permissive Use of Funds", as specifically delineated to:

- Develop and implement evaluations of the career and technical education programs, carried out with funds under this title, including an assessment of how the needs of special populations are being met;
- Initiate, improve, expand, and modernize quality career and technical education programs;
- Provide services and activities that are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective;
- Link secondary career and technical education and postsecondary career and technical education; and
- Provide work-related experience, such as internships, cooperative education, school-based enterprises, entrepreneurship, and job shadowing that are related to career and technical education programs.

Dr. Sacks' background includes extensive academic experience, business and industry experience, training and conference development work, bridging the needs of select entities (business/education/government) with the needs of private industry.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed the contractual agreement on May 26, 2005, wherein an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposal was sought because of the contractor's specific expertise. The agreement sets forth the delivery of two of five Task Areas at a cost of \$25,000. As the potential cost of implementing the remaining three Task Areas would

exceed \$25,000, the Committee did not fully support the request, but recommended that this item be submitted to the Board for consideration.

The cost of Task Areas 1 and 2 of the contract is \$25,000 to be completed by August 15, 2005; however, services may be extended to include Task Areas 3, 4 and 5 at a cost of \$50,000, for a total cost not to exceed \$75,000 and to be completed by November 15, 2005.

The appropriation for Task Areas 1 and 2 in this item is included in the Other Federal Programs (Contracted Programs Fund) of the 2004-2005 Adopted Budget under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 4063, Object 5310, Location 9600. The appropriation for Task Areas 3, 4 and 5 will be included in the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005 under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 4063, Object 5310, Location 9600.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Dr. Renée Sacks to provide consultant services for the evaluation and alignment of career education as part of the District's Secondary School Reform Framework, Task Areas 1 and 2, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, to be completed by August 15, 2005; and
2. extend the contractual agreement to include Task Areas 3, 4 and 5, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000, to be completed by November 15, 2005.

The appropriation for Task Areas 1 and 2 in this item is included in the Other Federal Programs (Contracted Programs Fund) of the 2004-2005 Adopted Budget. The appropriation for Task Areas 3, 4 and 5 will be included in the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005.

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