

Financial Services
Richard H. Hinds , Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNCIL OF GREAT CITY SCHOOLS TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE FOOD SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Council of Great City Schools to perform on-site reviews of the Food Services and Construction Management operations in the amount of \$50,000, effective from January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

The Council of Great City Schools is the only national organization exclusively representing the needs of urban public schools. The organization provides a network for school districts sharing common problems to exchange information, and to collectively address new challenges as they emerge in order to deliver the best possible education for urban youth.

The Council of Great City Schools has agreed to contract with the District to review the operations of Food Services and Construction Management. The Council will prepare a full report of their findings and recommendations.

On November 20, 2008, in accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, for Professional Services contracts, the contract was thoroughly reviewed, and the Professional Services Contract Committee recommended that an exception to the School Board rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals (RFP) be granted as this agency has specific expertise in this field.

Funding for this contract is included in the Food Services Fund under the following budget structure: Fund 0410, Object 5390, Program 5200, Location 9915, Function 7600 in the amount of \$25,000 and in the Capital Outlay Fund under the following budget structure: Fund 0372, Object 5633, Program 1571, Location 9128, Function 7400 in the amount of \$ 25,000.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with The Council of Great City Schools to complete a review of the Food Service and Construction Management departments in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.