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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR THE
DELIVERY OF THE 2009 ZELDA GLAZER WRITING
INSTITUTE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami to deliver the 2009 *Zelda Glazer Writing Institute* for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

The Zelda Glazer Writing Institute (Writing Institute) is a two-week professional development experience that will be made available to eighty (80) District teachers, through a District-wide application process, from July 27, 2009 to August 7, 2009. The Writing Institute's goal is to guide participants in creating a meaningful writing program, offer tools to empower teachers to provide instruction on teaching and grading a profusion of students writing, and encourage them to share their new expertise with colleagues. Teachers will return to their classrooms to implement these techniques and activities which will enable their students to become more engaged and gain a greater mastery of the writing process. Participants will earn sixty (60) Master Plan Points for successful completion of the two-week intensive professional development session.

The Writing Institute has been a cooperative project between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the University of Miami for twenty-six (26) years. Initially intended for high school Language Arts teachers, it was expanded to include middle, and elementary school teachers, as well as teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL); Exceptional Student Education (ESE), and teachers of Social Studies. Since its origin, the Institute has served thousands of Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers.

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The funding for the 2009 Zelda Glazer Writing Institute is budgeted through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund grant from the following budget structure: Fund 0420, Location 9017, Object 5390, Program 4368, and Function 6400.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami for the delivery of the 2009 Zelda Glazer Writing Institute in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

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