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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE 2012 GLAZER AND LORTON WRITING INSTITUTE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami to deliver the Glazer and Lorton Writing Institute for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

The Glazer and Lorton 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 June 18, 2012 through June 29, 2012. The Writing Institute guides participants in creating a meaningful writing program in their classes, offers tools that empower teachers to provide instruction on teaching and grading student writing, and encourages participants to share their new expertise with colleagues.

Participants will earn sixty (60) Master Plan Points for successfully completing the two-week intensive professional development session.

The University of Miami is currently working on a qualitative study investigating the impact of the Glazer and Lorton Writing Institute on classroom practice and student writing achievement. Five teachers from the 2011 institute volunteered to be observed up to six times during the 2011-12 academic year. To date most teachers have been observed twice and the majority of lessons observed have been from the Writing Institute. Student engagement is also being measured and targeted students have been highly engaged during these lessons. It is too soon to evaluate the impact on writing achievement, however a full report will be provided to the district by September 30, 2012.

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Funding for the contract with the University of Miami 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 5310, Program 3022, 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 2012 Glazer and Lorton Writing Institute in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

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