

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH COOL SCHOOL OF DADE, INC., FOR THE EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM AT LAURA C. SAUNDERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APRIL 16, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,160

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- I - EARLY INTERVENTION**
- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The Early Head Start Program is required by the Head Start Program Performance Standards to provide program services that are comprehensive and based on a family case management approach. By providing these services through the use of a licensed social work team, the school district will be in compliance with the terms of the Early Head Start grant and will be meeting all the Performance Standards established by Head Start. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is in the start-up planning phase for the Early Head Start Program at Laura C. Saunders Elementary School. The grant period is from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Cool School of Dade, Inc., to provide social work services to 48 families participating in the Early Head Start Program from April 16, 1999 through June 30, 1999. As mandated by the Head Start Program Performance Standards, these services will include the following: development of community partnerships; development and implementation of Individualized Family Partnership Agreements; collaboration with program staff; evaluation of family readiness; identification of family strengths and service needs; monitoring of service integration; and planning, training and consultation. The contractual agreement with Cool School of Dade, Inc., is in an amount not to exceed \$16,160.

The acting Executive Director of Cool School of Dade, Inc., is Nancy Rudes, LCSW.

The Early Head Start Program, as approved by the School Board at its meeting of July 23, 1997, identifies Cool School of Dade, Inc., as the collaborative agency to provide social

work services to participating families. Therefore, the contract being recommended here does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Early Head Start grant under Fund 0420, Object 5310, Location 9613, Program 3963, Function 9100, of the 1998-1999 Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Cool School of Dade, Inc., in the amount of \$16,160 for the Early Head Start Program at Laura C. Saunders Elementary School, April 16, 1999 through June 30, 1999.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1998-1999 Adopted Budget.

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