

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI CEREBRAL PALSY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, INC., MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ONE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$14,015, FROM JANUARY 14, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami Cerebral Palsy Residential Services, Inc., (MCPRS, Inc.) Miami, Florida, to provide educational and related services for one exceptional student. A review of this student's placement was conducted and it has been determined that she requires a specialized day-school placement to meet her educational and related service needs. This student is medically fragile, profoundly mentally handicapped, and has Cerebral Palsy, seizure disorder, gastrointestinal tube and a tracheotomy. Since 1996, attempts were made to reintegrate this student into a profoundly mentally handicapped program at a middle school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools after moving from a residential program in Broward County. Additionally, in order to meet her educational needs, she received specialized transportation, nursing and respiratory therapy services. The student's medical condition has deteriorated to the point of requiring a more restrictive setting. Less restrictive educational placements cannot address the student's needs.

As a result of the review of placement, MCPRS, Inc., agreed to serve this student in their adult day program and provide all necessary services, including transportation, in exchange for the earned FTE. Funds are generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), in accordance with the appropriate exceptional student education weighting factor. The proposed contractual agreement for the student with MCPRS, Inc., Miami, Florida, from January 14, 1999 through June 30, 1999, has been developed at a cost not to exceed \$14,015.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 1998-99 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The Executive Director for Miami Cerebral Palsy Residential Services, Inc., Miami, Florida, is Marta Morin.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami Cerebral Palsy Residential Services, Inc., Miami, Florida, to provide educational and related services for one exceptional student, from January 14, 1999 through June 30, 1999, at a cost not to exceed \$14,015.

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

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