

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH METROPOLITAN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, TO JOINTLY OPERATE NON-SCHOOL BASED DAY TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED STUDENTS, FROM JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

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

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with Metropolitan Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth and Family Development (OYFD), to jointly operate non-school based day treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students. The program was first implemented during the 1982-83 school year. Through this agreement, programs and related services have been provided to serve SED students of elementary and secondary school age at the following programs:

- a. Family and Adolescent Development Center
- b. Early Intervention Development Center
- c. Family and Children's Development Center
- d. Specialized Development Center-North
- e. Specialized Development Center-South

Miami-Dade County Public Schools provides instructional personnel, art therapists, educational materials, equipment, supplies, and bus transportation. Services provided to SED students by OYFD include individual and group therapy, parent education and family therapy, behavior management programming, crisis intervention services, and psychiatric consultation services. OYFD also provides the facilities in which to operate the programs.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew the cooperative agreement annually on a continuing basis.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a cooperative agreement between Metropolitan Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth and Family Development, to jointly operate non-school based day treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed students, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000; and
2. renew this cooperative agreement annually on a continuing basis.

There is no exchange of funds for this agreement.