

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI-MAILMAN CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED SPEECH TRAINING FOR DEAF STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$494,550, FROM JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: I - EARLY INTERVENTION

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with The University of Miami-Mailman Center for Child Development to provide educational services and specialized speech training for deaf students. The University of Miami/Miami-Dade County Public Schools Model Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Model Program) involves the use of prosthetic devices to filter sounds into a signal that is transmitted to the skin. Basic instruction, as well as individual and group speech therapy, focuses on developing the students' skills in interpreting the signal into speech sounds.

The Model Program will provide: certified personnel; technical and training assistance to implement the program, an on-site training coordinator who supervises program activities, equipment; and equipment maintenance. Students will receive basic instruction as well as individual and group tactual speech instruction. Additionally, the Model Program will provide technical and training assistance for the satellite sites at Auburndale Elementary School, Rockway Middle School, and Palm Springs Middle School.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE from the Florida Education Finance Program. The contractual agreement will provide for up to 32 students to be served in the Model Program, including a maximum of ten students below age three, in an amount not to exceed \$494,550, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The Project Director of The University of Miami-Mailman Center for Child Development, Model Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, is Kathleen Vergara.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with The University of Miami-Mailman Center for Child Development to provide educational services and specialized speech training for up to 32 deaf students, including a maximum of ten students below age three, in an amount not to exceed \$494,550, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.

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