

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES, INC., AND SUNRISE COMMUNITY, INC., MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$567,462, 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 contractual agreements with Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc. (Goodwill), Jewish Vocational Services, Inc. (JVS), and Sunrise Community, Inc. (Sunrise), Miami, Florida, to continue to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. These agencies provide educational and related services for trainable mentally handicapped (TMH), profoundly mentally handicapped (PMH) and autistic students, ages 18-21, through comprehensive on-the-job training programs. Participation in these programs provides students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school to work upon exiting the school system.

The contract with Goodwill will provide services for up to 14 TMH students, for a total cost of \$9,259 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student per month, and up to four students classified as autistic or PMH, for a total cost of \$12,756 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$180,650.

The contract with JVS will provide services for up to 16 TMH students, for a total cost of \$9,259 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student per month, and up to four students classified as autistic or PMH, for a total cost of \$12,756 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$199,168.

The contract with Sunrise will provide services for up to 12 TMH students, for a total cost of \$9,259 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student per month, and up to six students classified as autistic or PMH, for a total cost of \$12,756 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$187,644.

As a result of the changing needs of these students, it is anticipated that the number of students served will fluctuate throughout the year, up to the maximum stated. The total cost for all three programs will not exceed \$567,462. Funding for these contracts will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program.

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

The President/CEO of Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., is Dennis Pastrana; the President/CEO of Jewish Vocational Services Inc., is Sylvia Goldsmith; and the President/CEO of Sunrise Community, Inc., is Leslie Leech.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with:

1. Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., Miami, Florida, to provide educational and related services for up to 14 TMH students, for a total cost of \$9,259 per student, and up to four students classified as autistic or PMH , for a total cost of \$12,756 per student, in an amount not to exceed \$180,650, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000;
2. Jewish Vocational Services, Inc., Miami, Florida, to provide educational and related services for up to 16 TMH students, for a total cost of \$9,259 per student, and up to four students classified as autistic or PMH, for a total cost of \$12,756 per student, in an amount not to exceed \$199,168, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000; and
3. Sunrise Community, Inc., Miami, Florida, to provide educational and related services for up to 12 TMH students, for a total cost of \$9,259 per student, and up to six students classified as autistic or PMH, for a total cost of \$12,756 per student, in an amount not to exceed \$187,644, 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.