

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$185,985, 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 nonpublic schools to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. These contracts will allow for the continuation of services to these students in accordance with applicable State Board of Education rules. The Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services has determined that these schools continue to provide appropriate programs for the students involved.

For 1999-2000, contractual agreements are proposed with five educational institutions to serve seven exceptional students, plus transportation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$185,985.

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 President of American Learning Systems Inc. is William Laurie; the Executive Director of Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living Inc. is Maria DiCowden; the Executive Director of Developmental Resource Center is Dennis S. Kelley; the Executive Director of the Learning Experience is Shannon Campbell; and the Director of the Vanguard School of Coconut Grove is John Havrilla.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into the following contractual agreements with nonpublic schools to provide educational and related services for exceptional students:

1. American Learning Systems, Inc., Plantation, Florida, for a day program for one learning disabled student, from September 7, 1999 through June 14, 2000, at an annual rate of \$13,780, plus approximately \$4,000 for transportation, in an amount not to exceed \$17,780;
2. Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one traumatic brain injured student, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$81,900;
3. Developmental Resource Center, Hollywood, Florida, for a day program for two specific learning disabled students and one autistic student, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$61,775;
4. The Learning Experience, Miami, Florida, for a day program for one educable mentally handicapped student, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$11,510; and
5. The Vanguard School of Coconut Grove, Florida, for a day program for one learning disabled student, from August 30, 1999 through June 1, 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$13,020.

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