

June 9, 1999

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ICARE BAY POINT SCHOOLS, INC., MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR 135 SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$568,106, FROM JULY 6, 1999, THROUGH JUNE 14, 2000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:** II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/ PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES  
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

At its meeting of June 10, 1998, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with ICARE Bay Point Schools, Inc., a non-profit agency in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide educational and related services to a maximum of 35 exceptional education students from July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, with supervision provided by the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services.

At its meeting of August 26, 1998, the Board authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with ICARE Bay Point Schools, Inc., to provide educational services for up to 100 school-age students, under the supervision of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program. ICARE operates three residential facilities located at 22025 S.W. 87 Avenue, 25005 S.W. 133 Avenue, and 20660 N.W. 47 Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Authorization is now being requested to enter into a single contractual agreement covering both populations, and place the supervision of the educational program provided at ICARE solely under the Educational Alternative Outreach Program.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) agrees to provide:

- a. 95% of basic FTE for the 1999-2000 school year, or \$4,208.19 per student for up to 135 students, for an amount not to exceed \$568,106 and
- b. textbooks, materials, and equipment (not including furniture) on the same basis as provided to regular classes within M-DCPS.

ICARE Bay Point Schools, Inc., agrees to provide:

- a. an appropriate educational program for approximately 135 students, utilizing approved educational techniques;
- b. intensive counseling services for the students attending the program;
- c. records, student files, and notification of discharge;
- d. supervisory assistance for program maintenance;
- e. a facility which complies with federal, state and local regulations;
- f. an itemized budget of projected expenditure of funds generated through FTE and a year-end account of actual expenditures; and
- g. certified teachers, adequate materials, equipment, and furniture for the program.

The funds necessary for implementing the M-DCPS portion of this agreement are provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), basic funding. Funds will be included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5104, Program 6040, Object 5310, Location 8017, to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.

The Director of ICARE Bay Point Schools, Inc., is Dr. Mary Louise Cole.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with ICARE Bay Point Schools, Inc., to provide educational services for 135 school-age students, in an amount not to exceed \$568,106 from July 6, 1999, through June 14, 2000; and
2. exercise his discretion to renew the contractual agreement annually for up to four additional one-year periods.

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

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