

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR CONSULTATION AND TRAINING ON FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT OF BEHAVIOR, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,656, FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 THROUGH APRIL 28, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES

The Office of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and Psychological Services is requesting authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University (FIU) to train teachers and other professional staff to complete functional assessments of behavior and subsequent behavioral plans for appropriate students. The reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires functional assessment of behavior for students reaching 10 days of cumulative suspensions.

The Office of ESE and Psychological Services is contracting with FIU for Dr. Michael Brady to conduct workshops, develop an intervention manual for functional assessment of behavior, and provide consultation to district staff. The contract with FIU will include up to 58 days of on-site consultation, product development and inservice training, in an amount not to exceed \$37,656. This contract has been in effect since September 1, 1998.

The committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 has reviewed this contractual agreement on August 10, 1999, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted because Dr. Brady has specific expertise in this area.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget, under Fund 0420, Function 6400, Program 4628, Object 5310, Location 9615.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Florida International University to provide consultation and training on functional assessment of behavior, from September 1, 1999 through April 28, 2000, in an amount not to exceed \$37,656; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item is included in the Contracted Programs Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget.

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