

August 16, 1999

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO RENEW THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, WHEREBY THE AGENCY WILL DESIGNATE FUNDING FOR DAYCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY LINDSEY HOPKINS TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER STAFF, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:** II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES  
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

In the spring of 1999, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) responded to a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by Child Development Services, a division of the Metropolitan Dade County Department of Human Resources, Office of Human Development, which oversees daycare services in the county. Subsequently, M-DCPS entered into a contractual agreement with Child Development Services whereby the agency has agreed to provide funds for the continuation of subsidized preschool daycare at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center (LHTEC).

To be eligible for funding from Child Development Services, several criteria must be met: (1) the requesting agency must be able to demonstrate a financial need based upon socioeconomic data endemic to the area in which the center is located; (2) the clientele served must be parents who qualify for assistance under either the Job Training Partnership Act (JPTA) or the Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) Program; (3) the day center must be licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families (formerly HRS); and (4) the daycare center must receive a compliance score of at least 85 (out of 100) when evaluated by Child Development Services or when using the standards outlined in the Child Development Assessment Tool.

LHTEC staff estimates that approximately \$120,000 will be needed for 261 days of operation based upon the number and ages of children served. This funding will provide food services, supplies, equipment, and salary for part-time paraprofessionals. The daily program includes recreational, social, cultural, and educational activities. Parents will be encouraged to participate.

This contractual agreement with Child Development Services has been in effect for approximately eight years, that is, since 1991. As has been the case in previous contracts, the new agreement will be flexible, stipulating neither the number of children to be served nor the exact sum to be appropriated to the project. Payments will ultimately be based upon monthly enrollments which differ according to numbers and age of the children.

No local funds are required.

The director of the Division of Child Development Services is Ms. Irene Taylor-Wooten.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to renew the contractual agreement with Child Development Services, whereby the agency will designate funding for daycare services provided by Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center staff, effective July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

No local funds are required.

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