

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH OMBUDSMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LTD., TO PROVIDE OFF-CAMPUS ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR 240 AT-RISK STUDENTS FROM SIX SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR, AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$776,402**

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

During the 1993-94 school year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools contracted with OMBUDSMAN Educational Services, Ltd., to provide services to 30 at-risk students from G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School. An off-campus site, located at 12781 S.W. 42 Street, Miami, was leased and equipped by OMBUDSMAN, and served at-risk students assigned by the administration of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School.

Based on its initial success, this off-campus program was expanded during 1994-95 to serve 60 Braddock students. Additional sites were also opened to accommodate students from Miami Carol City and North Miami Beach Senior High Schools. The Miami Carol City program was begun in late March, 1995, and the North Miami Beach program was begun in March, 1996.

G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School and North Miami Beach Senior High School will each have an OMBUDSMAN program for 60 full-time equivalent (FTE) students during the 1999-2000 school year. The cost of the contract for G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School and North Miami Beach Senior High School will be \$194,101 for each program. Miami Carol City Senior High School will have 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the 1999-2000 school year. The cost of the contract for Miami Carol City Senior High School will be \$97,050. The total amount for all three schools will not exceed \$485,252. The dollar amount is based on 95 percent of revenue computerized on the full-time equivalent (FTE) student.

Additional programs have been requested by Miami Beach, Miami Springs and South Dade Senior High Schools for 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) students from each site during the 1999-2000 school year. The cost for each program will be \$97,050, for a total amount not to exceed \$291,151. The dollar amount is based on 95 percent of revenue computerized on the full-time equivalent (FTE) student.

The Professional Services Contracts Committee, established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this contractual agreement on August 10, 1999, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Requests for Proposals be granted, as the contractor has specific expertise in this field.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget, under Program 6040, Location 8017, Function 5120, Object 5310, Fund 0100.

Mr. James P. Boyle is the President of OMBUDSMAN Educational Services, Ltd.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with OMBUDSMAN Educational Services, Ltd., to provide an off campus alternative education program for 240 at-risk students as identified below, for the 1999-2000 school year, at a total cost not to exceed \$776,402:

G. Holmes Braddock Senior High	60 students	\$194,101
North Miami Senior High	60 students	194,101
Miami Carol City Senior High	30 students	97,050
Miami Beach Senior High	30 students	97,050
Miami Springs Senior High	30 students	97,050
South Dade Senior High	30 students	97,050

2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

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

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