

August 16, 1999

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH PRACTICAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION (PACE) CENTER FOR GIRLS OF MIAMI-DADE, A NONPROFIT AGENCY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR 50 SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,410, FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR

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

Since 1992 the School Board has authorized the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative/contractual agreement with PACE Center for Girls of Miami-Dade, a private, nonprofit agency, to provide academic services for school-age students. PACE is an acronym for Practical and Cultural Education. PACE Center for Girls is a gender-sensitive, nonprofit, non-residential, community-based program for troubled girls. The purpose of the program is to prevent or reduce the number of juvenile delinquency referrals, status offenses, high school dropouts, foster care referrals, and teen pregnancies. PACE has operated successfully in Florida since 1985, and in Miami-Dade County since 1992.

The Florida Legislature added 10 slots to the PACE Center for Girls of Miami-Dade, which would change its number of students from 40 to 50, representing a total amount not to exceed \$210,410 for the 1999-2000 school year. It is requested that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve this increase. The funds necessary for implementing Miami-Dade County Public Schools portion of the agreement will be provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP).

The Professional Services Contract 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 appropriations necessary for the implementation of this program are included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget, under Fund 0100, Program 6083, Function 5120, Object 5390, and Location 9724.

The Director of the PACE Center for Girls of Miami-Dade is Ms. Gwen McMurtry.

RECOMMENDED:

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Practical and Cultural Education (PACE) Center for Girls of Miami-Dade, a private, nonprofit agency, to provide academic services for 50 school-age students in an amount not to exceed \$210,410 for the 1999-2000 school year; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriations necessary for the implementation of this program are included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget.

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