

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH GATOR HUMAN SERVICES CORPORATION TO YOUTHTRACK, INC., AND EXTEND SERVICES TO A SCHOOL YEAR OF 250 SCHOOL DAYS

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

At the School Board meeting of October 10, 1997, the Board authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Gator Human Services Corp. to provide academic services for school-age students. Gator Human Services Corp. has been providing these services since that time at a residential youth treatment/detention center in Florida City. This contract was renewed July 1, 1999 for the 1999-2000 school year.

Gator Human Services, Inc., a Michigan corporation authorized to conduct business in Florida, has assigned all of the rights of Gator Human Services, Inc., to Youthtrack, Inc., a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in Florida, and for the State of Florida, Department of Juvenile Justice. Youthtrack, Inc., will continue to provide educational services under the terms of the existing contractual agreement.

During the 1998-1999 Florida Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2500 was enacted. A part of that bill declares that the school year for students in Juvenile Justice education programs shall comprise 250 school days. It is requested, therefore, that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve an extended school year for Youthtrack, Inc., of 250 school days.

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 for the contracted agreement will be included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5120, Program 6040, and Object 5144.

RECOMMENDED:

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

1. approve the assignment of the contractual agreement with Gator Human Services Corporation to Youthtrack, Inc.; and
2. extend the services to be provided by Youthtrack, Inc., to a school year of 250 school days.

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

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