

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI'S RIVER OF LIFE, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR 25 SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS, FROM NOVEMBER 18, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

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

In compliance with Florida Statute 230.23(4)(c), (j) and (n), the Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and Miami's River of Life, Inc., a governmental agency of the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Miami-Dade County, Florida, have developed a cooperative agreement providing educational services for 25 school-aged students, from November 18, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The agreement involves commitments on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Miami's River of Life, Inc., in Miami-Dade County, Florida, as outlined in the cooperative agreement:

1. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is to provide an educational program, including teachers, materials, and equipment (not including furniture), on the same basis as provided to regular classes within Miami-Dade County Public Schools. No exchange of funds is required. The supervision of teachers will be provided by staff of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program.
2. Miami's River of Life, Inc., will provide space in an existing building for classrooms that meet state specifications, furniture, records of school-aged students, and notification of discharge of students.

The funds necessary for implementing the Miami-Dade County Public Schools portion of the agreement will be provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP).

Miami's River of Life, Inc., will provide administration, coordination, and provision of residential service for at-risk and delinquent male and female youth in Miami-Dade County. The educational component of the program will be a part of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program, which will provide related services.

George E. Ellis, Jr., is the founder, president and chief financial officer of Miami's River of Life, Inc.

There is no exchange of funds for this program.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami's River of Life, Inc., to provide educational services for 25 school-aged students, from November 18, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The funds necessary for implementing the Miami-Dade County Public Schools portion of this agreement will be provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP).

No exchange of funds is required.

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