

November 4, 1999

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ALTERNATIVE/
AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICES FOR STUDENTS
WHO REQUIRE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE
COMMUNICATION**

The Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services is requesting authorization to purchase Alternative/Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices for students who have been evaluated by school based and Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS)-South staff. These students do not have oral speech as their primary mode of communication, and according to their Individualized Educational Plan (IEPs) require this technology assistance.

The committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 – Professional Services Contracts, reviewed this purchase request on October 1, 1999, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted, because DynaVox Systems, Inc., is the sole source provider.

Fund Source
0100-General

M/WBE Eligibility
None

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

1. **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Dynavox Systems, Inc., to provide Alternative/Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices for students who require technology assistance, to facilitate communication, in an amount not to exceed \$99,930; and
2. Grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 – Professional Services Contracts.

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