

March 22, 2000

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION HEAD START AND THE HEAD START DIVISION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY TO SERVE PREKINDERGARTEN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is requested to enter into cooperative agreements with Redlands Christian Migrant Association Head Start and the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency (Head Start) to serve prekindergarten children with disabilities, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Head Start have had a collaborative agreement serving preschool children with disabilities since 1989. These agreements provide for mainstreamed classrooms that share resources, screenings, evaluations, and training.

The purpose of the proposed agreements is to meet the requirements of federal Head Start regulations relative to the development of interagency agreements with the Local Education Agencies. These agreements delineate the responsibilities of M-DCPS and Head Start relative to services for preschool children with disabilities ages three to five.

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew the cooperative agreement annually on a continuing basis.

The Executive Director of Redlands Christian Migrant Association is Barbara Mainster. Jane Robinson is the Director of the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency.

No local funds are required.

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

1. enter into cooperative agreements with Redlands Christian Migrant Association Head Start and the Head Start Division of the Miami- Dade County Community Action Agency to develop interagency agreements to serve preschool children with disabilities, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; and
2. renew this cooperative agreement annually on a continuing basis.

No local funds are required.

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