

March 30, 2000

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, DESIGNED FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES WISHING TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS AND TO APPROVE THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Authorization is sought to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), designed for outside agencies wishing to operate alternative programs for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students. The aim of this generic RFP is to ensure that each agency seeking funding from M-DCPS will conform to Board-approved standards for all contracted programs.

The purpose of this RFP is to award successful proposer contracts (pending availability of funding) with M-DCPS to serve children at-risk in alternative programs. The criteria shall include, but not be limited to, detailed cost analyses; proof of insurance; safe physical plant; adequate security; and various support services designed to meet the needs of children at-risk.

A committee will be established to study the nature and needs of at-risk children, together with evaluations of contracted programs from the previous two years. This committee will be comprised of the following M-DCPS personnel:

- an administrator from the Division of Special Programs
- an administrator from the Division of Alternative Education
- an administrator from School Operations
- a representative from the Division of School Police
- a representative from the United Teachers of Dade

Once the RFP has been approved, it will be sent out to various organizations who have had contracts, or who have expressed interest in entering into contracts, with M-DCPS, for the purpose of providing alternative programming to children at risk.

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Procurement Contract Review Committee	April 6, 2000] Revised
Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval of Selection Committee	April 12, 2000] Revised
Mailing of RFP	April 17, 2000
Opening of Proposals	May 9, 2000] Revised
Evaluations completed by Selection Committee	May 11, 2000] Revised
Contract Award Recommendations	June 21, 2000] Revised

A copy of the RFP will be provided to Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals, designed for outside agencies wishing to operate alternative programs for Miami-Dade County Public Schools students; and
2. approve the establishment of a selection committee which will review the proposals.

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