

May 2, 2000

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,430, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is requested to enter into contractual agreements with nonpublic schools to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. These contracts will allow for the continuation of services to these students in accordance with applicable State Board of Education rules. The Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services has determined that these schools continue to provide appropriate programs for the students involved.

For 2000-2001, contractual agreements are proposed with six educational institutions to serve six exceptional students, plus transportation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$166,430.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The President of American Learning Systems, Inc., is William Laurie; the Executive Director of Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., is Maria DiCowden; the President of the Easter Seal Society of Dade County, Inc., is Joan Bornstein; the Executive Director of the Learning Experience is Shannon Campbell; the Executive Director of Nobel Learning Solutions (Paladin Academy) is Dennis S. Kelley; and the Director of the Vanguard School of Coconut Grove is John Havrilla.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into the following contractual agreements with nonpublic schools to provide educational and related services for exceptional students:

1. American Learning Systems, Inc., Plantation, Florida, for a day program for one learning disabled student, from September 5, 2000 through June 13, 2001, at an annual rate of \$14,610, plus approximately \$4,000 for transportation, in an amount not to exceed \$18,610;
2. Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one traumatic brain injured student, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, in an amount not to exceed \$88,200;
3. Easter Seal Society of Dade County, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one physically impaired student, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, in an amount not to exceed \$9,700;
4. The Learning Experience, Miami, Florida, for a day program for one educable mentally handicapped student, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, in an amount not to exceed \$11,810;
5. Nobel Learning Solutions (Paladin Academy), Hollywood, Florida, for a day program for one specific learning disabled student, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, in an amount not to exceed \$24,160; and
6. The Vanguard School of Coconut Grove, Florida, for a day program for one learning disabled student, from August 28, 2000 through June 13, 2001, in an amount not to exceed \$13,950.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000.

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