

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES, INC., AND SUNRISE COMMUNITY, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$965,798, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001**

Authorization is requested to enter into contractual agreements with Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., (Goodwill); Jewish Vocational Services, Inc., (JVS); and Sunrise Community, Inc., (Sunrise) to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. These agencies provide educational and related services for trainable mentally handicapped (TMH), profoundly mentally handicapped (PMH) and autistic students, ages 18-22, through comprehensive on-the-job training programs. Participation in these programs provides students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school to work upon exiting the school system. The contractual agreements have been in effect since 1988.

The contract with Goodwill will provide services for up to 22 TMH students and up to eight students classified as either educable mentally handicapped, physically impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or visually impaired, at a cost of \$9,259 per student, to be billed at \$771.58 per student per month, and up to eight students classified as autistic or PMH, at a cost of \$12,756 per student, to be billed at \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$379,818.

The contract with JVS will provide services for up to 32 TMH students, at a cost of \$9,259 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student per month, and up to eight students classified as autistic or PMH, at a cost of \$12,756 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$398,336.

The contract with Sunrise will provide services for up to 12 TMH students, for a total cost of \$9,259 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student per month, and up to six students classified as autistic or PMH, at a cost of \$12,756 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$187,644.

As a result of the changing needs of these students, it is anticipated that the number of students served will fluctuate throughout the year, up to the maximum stated. The total cost for all three programs will not exceed \$965,798. Funding for these contracts will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The summer programs will be provided through the Supplemental Academic Instruction Program.

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/CEO of Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., is Dennis Pastrana; the President/CEO of Jewish Vocational Services, Inc., is Sylvia Goldsmith; and the President/CEO of Sunrise Community, Inc., is Leslie Leech.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with:

1. Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., to provide educational and related services for up to 22 trainable mentally handicapped students and up to eight students classified as either educable mentally handicapped, physically impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or visually impaired, at a cost of \$9,259 per student, and up to eight students classified as autistic or profoundly mentally handicapped, at a cost of \$12,756 per student, in an amount not to exceed \$379,818, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001;
2. Jewish Vocational Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for up to 32 trainable mentally handicapped students, at a cost of \$9,259 per student, and up to eight students classified as autistic or profoundly mentally handicapped, at a cost of \$12,756 per student, in an amount not to exceed \$398,336, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; and
3. Sunrise Community, Inc., to provide educational and related services for up to 12 trainable mentally handicapped students, at a cost of \$9,259 per student, and up to six students classified as autistic or profoundly mentally handicapped, at a cost of \$12,756 per student, in an amount not to exceed \$187,644, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

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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