

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH AGENCIES/PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE ON-SITE HEALTH SERVICES TO STUDENTS ATTENDING C.O.P.E. CENTER NORTH, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,000, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001**

Authorization is sought to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for health agencies/professionals to provide on-site comprehensive health services to approximately 280 teen parents and their babies/toddlers at C.O.P.E. Center North. The teen parents are in grades 6-12. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been providing on-site comprehensive services for students at C.O.P.E. Center North since 1997. These services include primary health care for infants and toddlers, physical examinations and therapeutic management for pregnant and parenting teens, prenatal care and management, parenting education counseling, high risk assessment and referrals, and preconception education for the prevention of pregnancy and diseases.

A contract for the health program at C.O.P.E. Center North, in an amount not to exceed \$77,000, will be developed to provide services from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

The selection of the service provider will be made by a committee based on several factors including qualifications, fees, and the capacity to deliver services. The proposed members of the selection committee are:

- an executive director from the Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs
- a representative from the Alternative Education Advisory Committee
- a representative from United Teachers of Dade
- a representative from the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management
- a representative from the Division of Business Development and Assistance
- a school principal
- an educational specialist from the Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Procurement Contract Review Committee .....	May 11, 2000
Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval of Selection Committee .....	May 17, 2000
Mailing of RFP .....	May 19, 2000
Opening of Proposals .....	June 1, 2000
Evaluations completed by Selection Committee .....	June 3, 2000
Contract Award .....	July 19, 2000

A copy of the RFP will be provided to School 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.

The appropriations for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000 under Fund 0100, Function 5120, Program 6040, Object 5310, and Location 8121.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals for health agencies/professionals to provide on-site health services to students at C.O.P.E. Center North in an amount not to exceed \$77,000, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; and
2. approve the establishment of a selection committee to evaluate the submitted proposals.

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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