

June 8, 2000

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE HEAD START DIVISION OF THE MICCOSUKEE CORPORATION TO SERVE PREKINDERGARTEN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation to serve prekindergarten children with disabilities. The purpose of the proposed agreement is to meet the requirements of federal Head Start regulations relative to the development of interagency agreements with local education agencies. This agreement delineates the responsibilities of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Miccosukee Head Start relative to services for preschool children with disabilities ages three to five. This cooperative agreement has been in effect since 1995.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) provides vision and hearing screenings, as well as consultation, staff development, parent education, and evaluation services, as needed. Students determined eligible for exceptional student education services may be served in existing M-DCPS programs or in the Head Start program by staff provided by that program.

The Chairman of the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation is Mr. Billy Cypress.

There is no exchange of funds.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation to serve prekindergarten children with disabilities, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

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