

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SYLVAN LEARNING SYSTEMS, INC., FOR THE DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHO GENERATE TITLE I FUNDING, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2001**

The Title I program provides supplemental educational services for eligible public and non-public school students to assist them in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to meet challenging student performance standards. Section 1120 of Title I requires that a Local Education Agency (LEA-District) provide eligible private school children with Title I educational services or other benefits that are equitable to those provided to eligible public school children. In order to comply with this regulation, Federal Programs and Grants Administration, in consultation with the Archdiocese of Miami, identified Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc. (SLS), as an instructional service delivery model for reading and mathematics skills. With this model, eligible students in grades K-8, who are most at risk of failing to meet high performance and content standards will receive supplementary instruction in reading and/or mathematics.

Authorization is being requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$390,000 to deliver instructional services to eligible students attending non-public schools that receive Title I funding. The funding for this program is based upon the number of eligible students from low-income families who are enrolled in non-public schools and lived in the attendance boundaries of public schools receiving Title I funds.

The committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 reviewed this contract on November 8, 2000, and recommended that the exception to the rule be made as otherwise determined by the committee.

No local funds required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$390,000, for the delivery of instructional services to students enrolled in non-public schools who generate Title I funding, effective November 15, 2000 through June 15, 2001;
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021; and
3. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency, such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.