

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY ASSOCIATED MARINE INSTITUTES AND AGAPE FAMILY MINISTRIES, SOUTH FLORIDA JAIL MINISTRIES, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, FROM JANUARY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

At the School Board meeting of June 21, 2000, the Board authorized the Superintendent to renew cooperative agreements with designated government agencies and designated private, nonprofit agencies in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide educational services to school-age students.

The Agape Cove Center, a Florida Department of Juvenile Justice program, has assigned all of its rights to Associated Marine Institutes and to Agape Family Ministries, South Florida Jail Ministries, Inc., effective from January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001. Associated Marine Institutes and Agape Family Ministries, South Florida Jail Ministries, Inc., will continue to provide educational services under the terms of the existing cooperative agreement.

The agreements involve commitments on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and of the designated agencies in Miami-Dade County, Florida, as outlined in the cooperative agreements:

1. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is to provide an educational program, including teachers, materials, and equipment (not including furniture), on the same basis as provided to regular classes within M-DCPS. No exchange of funds is required. The supervision of teachers will be provided by the principal of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program.
2. The designated agencies are to provide space in existing buildings for classrooms that meet state specifications, furniture, records of school-age students, and notification of discharge of students.

The programs are a part of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program, Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs, which provides related services and supervision.

The funds necessary for implementing M-DCPS' portion of the agreements will be provided by FTE generated through the Florida Education Finance Program, dropout prevention weighting factor. In the event that a subsequent proration of funds is incurred by the district due to economic conditions, the allocation of teachers, materials, supplies, and equipment may be reduced. This budget structure is provided to reflect M-DCPS' internal expenditures. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5120, Program 6040, Object 5310, Location 8017.

There is no exchange of funds for these agreements.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements for services rendered by Associated Marine Institutes and Agape Family Ministries, South Florida Jail Ministries, Inc., to provide educational services, from January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget. This budget structure is provided to reflect M-DCPS' internal expenditures.

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