

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXCEPTIONAL TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$68,721, FROM MARCH 15, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Association for the Development of the Exceptional, to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for trainable mentally handicapped (TMH), profoundly mentally handicapped (PMH), and autistic students, ages 18-22. Participation in these programs will provide students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school-to-work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This facility is located in the Wynwood area of Miami.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The proposed contract has been developed to provide services for up to 14 TMH students, at a cost of \$3,086.32 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 \$4,252 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student, per month, in an amount not to exceed \$68,721.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The Executive Director of the Association for the Development of the Exceptional, is Mr. Michael S. Faine.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Association for the Development of the Exceptional, to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$68,721, from March 15, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

The appropriation for this is included in the 2000-2001 Adopted Budget.

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