

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SUNRISE COMMUNITY INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$291,758, FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Sunrise Community, Inc., 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. The contractual agreement has been in effect since July 1, 2000. The facility is located at 18295 N.W. 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami Lakes, Florida.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The summer program will be provided through the Supplemental Academic Instruction Program. The proposed contract has been developed to provide services for up to 26 TMH students, at a cost of \$9,259 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student per month, and up to four students classified as autistic or PMH, at a cost of \$12,756 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$291,758.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2001-2002 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2001 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The President/CEO of Sunrise Community, Inc., is Mr. Leslie Leech, Jr.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a contractual agreement with Sunrise Community, Inc., to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$291,758, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2001-2002 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2001.

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