

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$164, 326, FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee to enter into contractual agreements with nonpublic schools to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. These contracts will allow for the continuation of services to these students in accordance with applicable State Board of Education rules. The Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services has determined that these schools continue to provide appropriate programs for the students involved. For 2001-2002, contractual agreements are proposed with the following educational institutions to serve six exceptional students, in a total amount not to exceed \$164,326.

1. Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one traumatic brain injured student, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, in an amount not to exceed \$90,846. The Executive Director of Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., is Dr. Maria DiCowden;
2. Easter Seal Society of Dade County, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one physically impaired student, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, in an amount not to exceed \$10,300. The President of the Easter Seal Society of Dade County, Inc., is Dr. Joan Bornstein;
3. The Learning Experience, Miami, Florida, for a day program for one educable mentally handicapped student, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, in an amount not to exceed \$12,140. The Executive Director of the Learning Experience is Ms. Shannon Campbell;
4. Nobel Learning Solutions (Paladin Academy), Hollywood, Florida, for a day program for one specific learning disabled student, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, in an amount not to exceed \$18,540. The Executive Director of Nobel Learning Solutions (Paladin Academy) is Mr. Dennis S. Kelley;

5. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one profoundly handicapped student, from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000. The Executive Director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., is Dr. Debbie Terenzio; and
6. The Vanguard School of Coconut Grove, Florida, for a day program for one learning disabled student, from August 27, 2001 through June 8, 2002, in an amount not to exceed \$14,500. The Director of the Vanguard School of Coconut Grove is Mr. John Havrilla.

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 and in the Contracted Programs Fund under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3031, Object 5310, Location 9615.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into the following contractual agreements with nonpublic schools, in a total amount not to exceed \$164,326, to provide educational and related services for exceptional students:

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