

October 10, 2001

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 \$104,316, FROM OCTOBER 25, 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. This facility is located at 70 NE 6th Street, Homestead, Florida. This is a new contractual agreement.

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 four TMH students, at a cost of \$6,945 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student per month, and up to eight students classified as autistic or PMH, at a cost of \$9,567 per student, to be billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student per month, in an amount not to exceed \$104,316.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget 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 \$104,316, from October 25, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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