

October 10, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AMEND AN EXISTING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$93,828, FROM OCTOBER 25, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent or his designee, to amend an existing contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., (UCP) to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities. The amendment is being requested to relieve overcrowding in programs for students who are profoundly mentally handicapped (PMH), autistic, and trainable mentally handicapped (TMH). In particular, the relief would be for Merrick Educational Center and Thomas Jefferson Middle School Occupational Training Center. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for PMH, autistic, and TMH 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 March 16, 2000.

The existing contract with UCP was approved by the Board on June 20, 2001. The contract provides a program for eight TMH students and four autistic or PMH students at a cost of \$125,096. This agreement will increase the existing contract to serve a total of 16 TMH students and eight autistic or PMH students for a total cost of \$218,924.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The proposed amended contract has been developed to provide services for up to an additional eight 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 an additional four 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 \$93,828.

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 Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., is Dr. Debbie Terenzio.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to amend an existing contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., to provide educational services to exceptional students, in an additional amount not to exceed \$93,828, from October 25, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.

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