

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, HEAD START DIVISION OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, TO OPERATE FOUR PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR TITLE I SERVICES; PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

Authorization is being requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County, on behalf of the Community Action Agency for the Head Start Program to implement prekindergarten programs, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Title I program. The program will be implemented at Floral Heights, Orchard Villa, Skyway, and Treasure Island Elementary Schools (one classroom per school). These schools were selected by the Head Start staff because they currently have a Head Start class and are implementing the Title I program.

The agreement involves commitments on the part of the School Board and Miami-Dade County, as outlined in the cooperative agreement. Major commitments are as follows:

The M-DCPS will provide the educational program, including teachers, paraprofessionals, field trips, health screening services, staff development, materials, equipment, and furniture, on the same basis as provided to other prekindergarten classes funded through Title I. The supervision of M-DCPS staff will be provided by the principals.

The Community Action Agency, Head Start Division, will provide the space from its allocation of classrooms in schools, a Center Director for each school, parent education/involvement activities, medical and dental services when no other source of funding is available, and field trips for students.

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The parties mutually agree:

To comply with all regulations, and state and federal laws regarding the Title I and Head Start programs.

That either party may cancel the cooperative agreement by giving written notice to the other party at least 60 days prior to the proposed date of termination.

The appropriation for this cooperative agreement is included in the 2001-2002 Title I budget under Program 4905. There is no exchange of funds for the operation of these programs.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami-Dade County, Head Start Division of the Community Action Agency, to operate four prekindergarten programs for students eligible for Title I services, effective as of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

The appropriation for this cooperative agreement is included in the 2001-2002 Title I budget under Program 4905.

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