

February 25, 2002

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH METROPOLITAN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, TO JOINTLY OPERATE NON-SCHOOL-BASED DAY-TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED STUDENTS, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Metropolitan Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth and Family Development (OYFD), to jointly operate non-school-based day-treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students. This cooperative agreement has been in effect since 1982. Through this agreement, programs and related services have been provided to serve SED students of elementary and secondary school age at the following sites:

- Family and Adolescent Development Center
- Early Intervention Development Center
- Family and Children's Development Center
- Specialized Development Center-North
- Specialized Development Center-South

Miami-Dade County Public Schools provides instructional personnel, art therapists, educational materials, equipment, supplies, and bus transportation. Services provided to SED students by OYFD include individual and group therapy, parent education and family therapy, behavior management programming, crisis intervention services, and psychiatric consultation services. OYFD also provides the facilities in which to operate the programs.

The Department Director of the Department of Human Services is Mr. Dean Taylor, Sr.

There is no exchange of funds.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent:

1. to enter into a cooperative agreement with Metropolitan Miami-Dade County, Florida, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth and Family Development, to jointly operate non-school based day-treatment programs for severely emotionally disturbed students, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. to renew the cooperative agreement for up to two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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