

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION HEAD START, THE HEAD START DIVISION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, AND THE HEAD START DIVISION OF THE MICCOSUKEE CORPORATION TO SERVE PREKINDERGARTEN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with Redlands Christian Migrant Association Head Start, the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency, and the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation to serve prekindergarten children with disabilities. The agreements with Redlands Christian Migrant Association Head Start and the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency have been in effect since 1989. The agreement with the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation has been in effect since 1995.

These agreements delineate the responsibilities of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the Head Start agencies relative to services for preschool children with disabilities ages three to five. These agreements provide for mainstreamed classrooms that share resources, vision and hearing screenings, as well as consultation, staff development, parent education, and evaluation services, as needed. The purpose of the proposed agreements is to meet the requirements of federal Head Start regulations relative to the development of interagency agreements with the Local Education Agencies. Authorization is also requested for the Superintendent to exercise his discretion to renew the agreements for up to two additional one-year periods.

The Executive Director of Redlands Christian Migrant Association is Ms. Barbara Mainster. The Director of the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency is Ms. Jane Robinson. The chairman of the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation is Mr. Billy Cypress.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into cooperative agreements with Redlands Christian Migrant Association Head Start, the Head Start Division of the Miami- Dade County Community Action Agency, and the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation to serve preschool children with disabilities, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
2. renew the cooperative agreements for up to two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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