

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT 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 \$193,223, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Sunrise Community, Inc., (South Dade Station site) 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 exceptional 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 was \$104,319 for the 2001-2002 school year and has been in effect since October 2001. This facility is located at 70 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Homestead, Florida.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The summer program will be provided through the Supplemental Academic Instruction Program. The proposed contract has been developed to provide services for up to 12 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$193,223.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2002 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731, and in the Contracted Programs Fund under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3531, Object 5310, Location 9615.

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 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 \$193,223, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2002.

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