

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EASTER SEALS MIAMI-DADE, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,430, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to provide educational services for up to 30 exceptional students. During the 2002-2003 school year the culinary arts program will continue to serve exceptional students from various middle and/or senior high schools who are pursuing special diplomas. Transportation will be provided by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The full-day program will include an academic component in which students would receive the required academic courses necessary to meet special diploma graduation requirements. This contractual agreement was \$352,224, for the 2001-2002 school year. This facility is located at 1475 NW 14th Avenue, Miami, Florida. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 1993.

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 serve a maximum of 30 students, in an amount not to exceed \$200,430.

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 of Easter Seals Miami-Dade County, Inc., is Dr. Joan Bornstein.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to provide educational services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$200,430, 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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