

August 28, 2002

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO TWO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND AFTERNOON SNACKS TO BABIES AND TODDLERS AT COPE (CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PURPOSEFUL EDUCATION) CENTER NORTH AND DOROTHY M. WALLACE COPE CENTER SOUTH, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

**COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY, ADULT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Health, Child Care Food Program, administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), in an amount not to exceed \$205,000. The purpose of the agreement is to provide breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks to the babies and toddlers at COPE (Continuing Opportunities for Purposeful Education) Center North and Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center South whose parent(s) are in attendance at the school sites.

Food services are provided at no cost to babies and toddlers of public school students who qualify for free and/or reduced lunches. These services ensure that the babies and toddlers have a nutritional breakfast, lunch and snack daily.

Prior to this school year, Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center provided the food services for babies and toddlers attending COPE Center North and Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center South. However, in an effort to achieve more effective and efficient delivery, it is recommended that a direct agreement be entered into for each school site.

Mr. Phil Reeves is the Bureau Chief for the State Department of Health, Child Nutrition Program.

No local funds are required.

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

1. enter into two contractual agreements with the State of Florida, Department of Health, Child Care Food program, administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), effective October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. provide breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks to babies and toddlers at COPE (Continuing Opportunities for Purposeful Education) Center North and Dorothy M. Wallace COPE Center South; and
3. receive payment for these services in an amount not to exceed \$205,000, of which each center will be the recipient of fifty percent of the funds issued.

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