

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$67,779, FROM APRIL 10, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida, 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. This facility is located at 991 NW 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33127. This is a new contractual agreement.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The proposed contract has been developed to provide services for a maximum of 25 students in an amount not to exceed \$67,779.

The President of the Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida is Mr. Michael S. Faine.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida, to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$67,779, from April 10, 2003 through June 30, 2003.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget.