

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, WHEREBY THE AGENCY WILL DESIGNATE FUNDING FOR DAYCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY LINDSEY HOPKINS TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER AND SOUTH DADE ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is requesting a renewal of the contract with Miami-Dade County, Division of Child Development Services (CDS), a division of the Metropolitan Dade County Department of Human Resources, Office of Human Development, which oversees daycare services in the county. To be eligible for funding from CDS, several criteria must be met:

- the requesting agency must be able to demonstrate a financial need based upon socioeconomic data endemic to the area in which the center is located;
- the clientele served must be parents who qualify for assistance under either the Job Training Partnership Act or the Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency program;
- the daycare center must be licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families; and
- the daycare center must receive a compliance score of at least 85 (out of 100) when evaluated by CDS or when using the standards outlined in the Child Development Assessment Tool.

Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center staff and South Dade Adult and Community Education Center staff estimate that approximately \$200,000 will be needed for a period not to exceed 261 days of operation based upon the number and ages of children served. The funds will provide food services, supplies, equipment, and salaries for part-time paraprofessionals. The daily program includes recreational, social, cultural, and educational activities. Parents will be encouraged to participate.

This contractual agreement with CDS has been in effect since 1991. As has been the case in previous contracts, the new agreement will be flexible, stipulating neither the number of children to be served nor the exact sum to be appropriated to the project. The effective contract will be effective July 9, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

There are no costs associated with this program since related expenses will be reimbursed

by Miami-Dade County, Division of Child Development Services. Reimbursements for services rendered will ultimately be based upon monthly enrollments which differ according to number and age of the children.

- RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:
1. enter into a contractual agreement, with Miami-Dade County, Division of Child Development Services, for daycare services provided by Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center and South Dade Adult Education, effective July 9, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
 2. receive reimbursements of expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for services rendered.

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