

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES CORPORATION TO PROVIDE
EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Psychological Services Corporation to provide vocational training and employability skill development to individuals with disabilities. The agency will deliver educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students, ages 18-22, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The agency has certified behavior analyst services on site. Students who participate in these programs, in an age-appropriate environment, will gain the support necessary to make the transition from school to work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This facility is located at 3750 West 16 Avenue #100, Hialeah, Florida 33012. This is a new contractual agreement.

Funding for this contract will be provided by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Extended School Year services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The proposed contract has been developed to offer services for a maximum of 25 students based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, in an amount not to exceed \$372,393.

The State Director of Psychological Services Corporation is Dr. Rolando Muhlig.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731, and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3341, Object 5310, Location 9615 of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Psychological Services Corporation to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$372,393, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004.