

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH UNITED
CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC., TO PROVIDE
EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR PROFOUNDLY
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., to provide educational and related services for profoundly mentally handicapped (PMH) students who have complex medical conditions that prevent enrollment in public school settings. This facility is located at 16521 NW First Avenue, North Miami, Florida 33125. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 1976.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, 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 serve a maximum of 12 PMH students based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, in an amount not to exceed \$222,186, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The Executive Director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., is Dr. Debbie Terenzio.

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.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., to provide educational and related services for profoundly mentally handicapped students, in an amount not to exceed \$222,186, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

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