

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EASTER
SEALS MIAMI-DADE, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to provide educational services for a maximum of 30 exceptional students. During the 2004-2005 school year, this culinary arts program will continue to serve exceptional students from various middle and/or senior high schools who are pursuing special diplomas. The full-day program will include an academic component in which students would receive the required academic courses necessary to meet special diploma graduation requirements. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 1993.

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 30 students based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, in an amount not to exceed \$316,849, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The President of Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., is Dr. Joan Bornstein.

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 Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to provide educational services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$316,849, 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.