

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH GOODWILL
INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., AND JEWISH
COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., TO PROVIDE
EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL
STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., (Goodwill) and Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., (JCS) to provide vocational training and employability skills to individuals with disabilities. These agencies provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students ages, 18-22. Participation in these programs provides 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. These contractual agreements have been in effect since 1988.

The contract with Goodwill will provide services for a maximum of 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$330,410. The facility is located at 2121 NW 21 Street, Miami, Florida 33142.

The contract with JCS will provide services for a maximum of 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$411,424. The facility is located at 735 NE 125 Street, North Miami, Florida 33161.

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 total cost for both programs will not exceed \$741,834, based on the students' Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., is Mr. Dennis Pastrana; the President and CEO of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., is Ms. Sylvia Goldsmith.

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 the following contractual agreements in an amount not to exceed \$741,834, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, as follows:

1. Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$330,410; and
2. Jewish Community Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$411,424.

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.