

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND  
RELATED SERVICES FOR FOUR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with nonpublic schools to provide appropriate educational and related services for four exceptional students. These contracts will allow for the continuation of services to these students in accordance with State Board of Education rule 6A-6.0361. The Office of Exceptional Student Education and Student/Career Services has determined that these schools continue to provide appropriate programs for the students involved. Contractual agreements are proposed with the following educational institutions to serve four exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$158,727, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. This office has been contracting with nonpublic schools since 1976.

1. Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., (Biscayne Academy) Miami, Florida, for a day program for one traumatic brain-injured student, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$102,192. The Executive Director of Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., is Dr. Maria DiCowden.
2. Nobel Learning Solutions (Paladin Academy), Hollywood, Florida, for a day program for one specific learning disabled student, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The Executive Director of Nobel Learning Solutions (Paladin Academy) is Mr. Dennis S. Kelley.
3. Reading, Math and Learning Centers, Inc., d/b/a Allison Academy, North Miami Beach, Florida, for a day program for one specific learning disabled student, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$18,450. The Chief Executive Officer of Reading, Math and Learning Centers, Inc., d/b/a Allison Academy is Dr. Sarah Allison.

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4. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one profoundly handicapped student, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$18,085. 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 of the 2004-2005 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2004 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.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with nonpublic schools, in an amount not to exceed \$158,727, to provide educational and related services for exceptional students:

1. Biscayne Institutes of Health and Living, Inc., (Biscayne Academy) Miami, Florida, for a day program for one traumatic brain-injured student, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$102,192;
2. Nobel Learning Solutions (Paladin Academy), Hollywood, Florida, for a day program for one specific learning disabled student, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000;
3. Reading, Math and Learning Centers, Inc., d/b/a Allison Academy, North Miami Beach, Florida, for a day program for one specific learning disabled student, from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$18,450; and
4. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one profoundly handicapped student, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, in an amount not to exceed \$18,085.

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.

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