

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES EARLY STEPS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO 120 COCAINE-EXPOSED STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, BIRTH THROUGH AGE TWO

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami and the Department of Health, Children's Medical Services (CMS) Early Steps, to provide educational services to 120 cocaine-exposed students with disabilities, birth through age two. Children eligible for placement as developmentally delayed are served in either a center-based or home-based program. Sixty students are served in each of these components. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 1992.

The University of Miami provides the facility, instructional personnel, appropriately related services, materials, supplies, assessment of students, assistance in the placement of students, supervision of staff, transportation, administrative support, and security for the program. Additionally, the University of Miami is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the program.

Funding for this contractual agreement will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). The funds generated by FTE will not exceed \$714,765, and will be based upon the actual number of students enrolled based on their Family Support Plans (FSPs) and on their current matrix funding levels.

An additional amount of \$250,000 will be provided in equal installments to cover transportation costs. The total contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$964,765, effective August 16, 2004 through June 1, 2005.

The Manager of Sponsored Programs for the University of Miami is Ms. Aurora Candelaria.

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.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami and the Department of Health, Children's Medical Services Early Steps, to provide educational services to 120 cocaine-exposed students with disabilities birth through age two, in an amount not to exceed \$964,765, effective August 16, 2004 through June 1, 2005.

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