

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SOUTH
FLORIDA TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES
FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida to provide vocational and employability skills training to individuals with disabilities. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on the job training programs for exceptional students, ages 18-22. Participation in these programs will provide 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. This facility is located at 991 NW 54 Street, Miami, Florida 33127. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2003.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Extended School Year (ESY) services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The proposed contract will provide services for a maximum of 40 students, in an amount not to exceed \$381,066, based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The President of the Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida is Mr. Michael Faine.

The appropriation for this item is 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 9615, and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3341, Object 5310, Location 9615.

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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 Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida, to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$381,066, 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.

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