

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXCEPTIONAL 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 Association for the Development of the Exceptional to provide vocational training and employability skills 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. The facility is located at 2801 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida 33137. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2001.

Funding for this contract will be provided 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 25 students, in an amount not to exceed \$252,998, based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The Executive Director of the Association for the Development of the Exceptional is Ms. Helena Del Monte.

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 9615, 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 a contractual agreement with the Association for the Development of the Exceptional to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 25 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$252,998, 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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