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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
SUBMIT A PURCHASE OF CHILD CARE SERVICES
APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES (CDS), FOR DAYCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY
LINDSEY HOPKINS TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER AND
MIAMI LAKES EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools requests authorization to submit a Purchase of Child Care Services application and to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services (CDS), in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, effective August 19, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The agreement will provide for day-care services at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center and Miami Lakes Educational Center. The Department of Human Services oversees day-care services in the county. This contractual agreement with CDS has been in effect since 1991.

To be eligible for funding from CDS, the following criteria must be met:

- the requesting agency must be able to demonstrate a financial need based upon socioeconomic data endemic to the area in which the center is located;
- the clientele served must be parents who qualify for assistance under either the Job Training Partnership Act or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program;
- the daycare center must be licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families; and
- CDS counselors will evaluate the children and make recommendations, factoring age and the length of time in the program.

The funds requested will serve approximately 50 students, which include infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, for a period not to exceed 261 days of operation. Funds received for day-care services will provide food services, supplies, equipment, and salaries for part-time paraprofessionals.

Mr. Donald Manning is the Assistant Director for Miami-Dade County, Department of Human Services.

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There are no costs associated with this program since related expenses will be reimbursed by Miami-Dade County, Division of Child Development Services. Reimbursements for services rendered will ultimately be based upon monthly enrollment figures which differ according to number and age of the children.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. submit a Purchase of Child Care Services application and enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, Department of Human Services, Division of Child Development Services (CDS), for day-care services provided by Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center and Miami Lakes Educational Center, effective August 19, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and
2. receive reimbursements of expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for services rendered.

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