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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The following community not-for-profit organizations provide services for our schools and students to support student learning and school system priorities. Organizations are assigned under the supervision of a district administrator. Brief descriptions of the services to be provided are as follows:

Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency will recruit, train and monitor elder volunteers to work with special needs and/or at-risk students at selected schools. Forty-two elder volunteers will service six identified elementary schools: Edison Park, Gulfstream, Auburndale, Shadowlawn, Earlington Heights, and West Homestead.

The Black Archives History & Research Foundation will document the history and development of the education of African-American youth through public education. Site visits will be provided to the Chapman House and Lyric Theater.

Encounters in Excellence will present "Secrets of the Everglades" and "Falklands--Refuge in the Sea", a live narrated 38 minute documentary, to be presented in over 100 elementary and secondary schools by wildlife filmmakers, Richard & Judy Kern. Over 59,000 students will participate in these lectures this school year.

All-Aboard Tutoring/Mentoring Program will recruit, train and place volunteer tutors/mentors in thirty-four (34) elementary schools throughout Miami-Dade County. 135 volunteers will provide one-on-one tutoring/mentoring services to at-risk kindergarten and first grade students.

This item requests approval for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with the following organizations being funded over \$10,000 this fiscal year. This authorization is contingent on continuation of adequate funding in the General Fund Budget, as adopted.

<b>NAME OF AGENCY</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECOMMENDED</b>
Metropolitan Dade County Community Action Agency	11,025
Encounters in Excellence	17,000
The Black Archives History & Research Foundation	19,500
The Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc. (All Aboard)	<u>47,500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 95,025</b>

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with the aforementioned community-based organizations for the amounts indicated.

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