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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH BERTHA ABESS CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC., TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED (EH) AND SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED (SED) STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc. (BACC), to provide services to emotionally handicapped (EH) and severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students and their families, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The combined resources of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and BACC have resulted in the delivery of comprehensive services to SED and EH students placed in psycho-educational day treatment programs at M-DCPS sites. This cooperative agreement has been in effect since 1981.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools provides facilities, teachers, materials, supplies, and transportation. Services provided to EH and SED students by BACC include expressive arts, individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, family counseling, parent education, home visits, in-home interventions, on-going staff training, and referral services, as required by each student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP). In addition, psychiatric consultation services are provided for EH and SED students, as needed. BACC provides input into the hiring of instructional personnel; however, the authority rests with the school-site administrator to make final personnel decisions.

The Executive Director of Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc., is Ms. Carolyn Jenkins-Jaeger.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with Bertha Abess Children's Center, Inc., to provide services to emotionally handicapped and severely emotionally disturbed students, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and
2. extend the cooperative agreement for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
AGENCIES TO PROVIDE COUNSELING SERVICES IN 20  
PROGRAMS WITH SELF-CONTAINED CLASSES FOR  
EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED (EH) STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for mental health professionals/agencies to continue the provision of counseling services in 20 programs for the education of emotionally handicapped students for whom such services have been identified as necessary to access and benefit from school-based education, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The RFP will seek agencies to provide mental health counseling services for students with disabilities as determined necessary by their Individual Educational Plan (IEPs). It is proposed that once this contract is awarded, an option be included to renew the contract for a maximum of two additional one-year periods. This District has been contracting for these services since 1992.

Estimated hours of services needed effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, are 15,120. The estimated cost for providing these services is \$765,000.

The selection will be made by a committee on the basis of several factors including qualifications, ability to provide bilingual services, and fee. The proposed members of the selection committee are:

- a region center instructional supervisor of ESE or designee;
- a supervisor of the Division of ESE;
- a representative of the Division of Psychological Services;
- a representative of the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for ESE;
- a representative of the Division of Business Development and Assistance;
- a representative of the Division of Procurement and Materials Management;
- a representative of each school receiving contracted counseling services; and
- a representative of United Teachers of Dade.

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Procurement Contract Review Committee.....	January 20, 2005
Request School Board approval to issue RFP and approval of selection committee.....	February 16, 2005
Mailing of RFP.....	February 22, 2005
Opening of proposals.....	April 5, 2005
Evaluations completed by selection committee.....	April 18, 2005
Contract award .....	June 15, 2005

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3635, Object 5310, Location 9615.

Copies of the RFP will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

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

1. issue a Request for Proposals for mental health agencies to provide mental health counseling services in 20 programs with self-contained classes for the education of emotionally handicapped students, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and
2. approve the selection committee to evaluate proposals submitted.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund).

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES TO PROVIDE COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC CONSULTATION SERVICES AT ROBERT RENICK EDUCATIONAL CENTER AND RUTH OWENS KRUSÉ EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED (EH) AND SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED (SED) STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for mental health agencies to continue the provision of counseling and psychiatric consultation services at Robert Renick Educational Center and Ruth Owens Krusé Educational Center for the emotionally handicapped (EH) and severely emotionally disturbed (SED) students for whom such services have been identified as necessary to access and benefit from school-based education, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The RFP will seek agencies to provide mental health counseling and psychiatric consultation services for students with disabilities as determined necessary by their Individual Educational Plan (IEPs). It is proposed that once this contract is awarded, an option be included to renew the contract for a maximum of two additional one-year periods. This District has been contracting for these services since 1994.

Estimated hours of services needed effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, are 4,500. The estimated cost for providing these services is \$286,000.

The selection will be made by a committee on the basis of several factors including qualifications, ability to provide bilingual services, and fee. The proposed members of the selection committee are:

- a region center instructional supervisor of ESE or designee;
- a supervisor of the Division of ESE;
- a representative of the Division of Psychological Services;
- a representative of the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for ESE;
- a representative of the Division of Business Development and Assistance;
- a representative of the Division of Procurement and Materials Management;
- a representative of each school receiving contracted counseling and psychiatric consultation services; and
- a representative of the United Teachers of Dade.

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Procurement Contract Review Committee.....	January 20, 2005
Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval of selection committee.....	February 16, 2005
Mailing of RFP.....	March 1, 2005
Opening of proposals.....	April 5, 2005
Evaluations completed by selection committee .....	April 18, 2005
Contract award.....	June 15, 2005

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3635, Object 5310, Location 9615.

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

1. issue a Request for Proposals for mental health agencies to provide mental health counseling and psychiatric consultation services at Robert Renick Educational Center and Ruth Owens Krusé Educational Center for the education of emotionally handicapped and severely emotionally disturbed students, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and
2. approve the selection committee to evaluate proposals submitted.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund).

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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE  
APPLICATION TO CONVERT DEVON AIRE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL TO A K-8 CENTER AND AUTHORIZATION TO REFER  
THE PROJECT TO THE SCHOOL SITE PLANNING AND  
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.48, K-8 Centers, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) received an application from the Devon Aire Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Educational Excellence School Advisory Committee (EESAC).

On December 2, 2004, the M-DCPS K-8 Center Administrative Committee met to review the application and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

Devon Aire Elementary School, which currently serves 917 students in grades K through 5, projects that the school would serve 300 to 450 additional students in grades 6 through 8 as soon as the appropriate addition to the facility can be constructed.

Copies of the application are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

**RECOMMENDED:**           That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1.     approve the application to convert Devon Aire Elementary School to a K-8 Center; and
2.     authorize the Superintendent to refer the project to the School Site Planning and Construction Committee for inclusion in the next regular cycle of facilities planning.

