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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM OUTSIDE
AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO OPERATE ALTERNATIVE
PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS,
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

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COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) allowing outside agencies qualified to operate alternative education programs for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) students, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The purpose of this RFP will be to award successful proposers contracts with M-DCPS to provide educational services to students at risk, grades 6-12. These services include, but are not limited to, the following: intensive counseling, anger management, life skills, individual tutoring, and intervention strategies in smaller, non-public school settings.

The RFP delineates the qualifications which include, but not be limited to: detailed costs analyses, proof of insurance (i.e. liability), a safe physical plant, adequate security, various support services, personnel qualifications, and educational training designed to meet the needs of students at risk.

A committee will determine the selection of the outside alternative education agencies on the basis of qualification and experience. The selection committee will be comprised of the following M-DCPS personnel, as well as a member of the community:

- an administrator of the Office of District Regional Operations;
- an administrator of the Office of Evaluation and Research;
- an administrator of the Office of Alternative Education Programs;
- an administrator of the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Student/Career Services;
- an administrator of the Division of Procurement Management and Materials Management (non-voting);
- an administrator of the Division of Business Development and Assistance;

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- a counselor of an alternative education site and;
- a member of the local community with professional experience in child welfare.

The estimated time for implementation is as follows:

Procurement Contract Review Committee	January 27, 2005
Request Board Approval to issue RFP and approval of a selection committee.....	March 16, 2005
Mailing of RFP.....	March 18, 2005
Opening of proposals	April 5, 2005
Evaluation completed by selection committee.....	April 7, 2005
Contract award.....	May 18, 2005

Funds necessary for implementing this program will be provided yearly by FTE generated dollars through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). All programs are funded annually at 95 percent of the earned FTE.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005, under Fund 0100, Function 5104, Program 6040, Object 5310, and Location 8017.

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, from outside agencies qualified to operate alternative programs for Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and
2. approve the selection committee to evaluate the proposals submitted

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2005-2006 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2005.

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