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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT:      REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO  
ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S  
PSYCHIATRIC CENTER, INC., TO OPERATE A DAY TREATMENT  
PROGRAM FOR EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED (EH) AND  
SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED (SED) ADOLESCENTS,  
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 Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc.(CPC), to operate a program for emotionally handicapped (EH) and severely emotionally disturbed (SED) adolescents, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The combined resources of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and CPC have resulted in delivery of comprehensive services in a day treatment program. The program is located at Ruth Owens Krusé Educational Center and is designed to serve EH and SED adolescents in grades six (6) through eight (8). This cooperative agreement has been in effect since 1999.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide transportation, teaching staff, materials, classroom space, furniture and fixtures, equipment, and supplies necessary for the operation of the instructional program. CPC will provide staff to provide clinical services.

The Director of Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., is Dr. Robert Nolan.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with Children's Psychiatric Center, Inc., to operate a day treatment program for emotionally handicapped (EH) and severely emotionally disturbed (SED) adolescents, 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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