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Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION HEAD START, THE HEAD START DIVISION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, AND THE HEAD START DIVISION OF THE MICCOSUKEE CORPORATION TO SERVE PREKINDERGARTEN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with Redlands Christian Migrant Association Head Start (RCMA), the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency (M-DCCAA), and the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation (Miccosukee) to serve prekindergarten children with disabilities, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The agreements with RCMA and M-DCCAA have been in effect since 1989. The agreement with Miccosukee has been in effect since 1995.

These agreements delineate the responsibilities of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the Head Start agencies relative to services for preschool children with disabilities ages three (3) to five (5). These agreements provide for mainstreamed classrooms that share resources, vision and hearing screenings, as well as consultation, staff development, parent education, and evaluation services, as needed. The purpose of the proposed agreements is to meet the requirements of federal Head Start regulations relative to the development of interagency agreements with the Local Education Agency (LEA).

The Executive Director of Redlands Christian Migrant Association is Ms. Barbara Mainster. The Director of the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency is Ms. Jane Robinson. The Chairman of the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation is Mr. Billy Cypress.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into cooperative agreements with Redlands Christian Migrant Association Head Start, the Head Start Division of the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency, and the Head Start Division of the Miccosukee Corporation to serve preschool children with disabilities, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and
2. extend the cooperative agreements for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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