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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH SUNRISE COMMUNITY, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$615,477, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Sunrise Community Inc., (Sunrise) to provide vocational training and employability skills to individuals with disabilities. Participation in these programs provides students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school to work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This agency provides educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students, ages 18-22, at the following facilities:

- Sunrise, South Dade Station, will provide services for a maximum of 12 exceptional students, for an amount not to exceed \$129,550. This facility is located at 70 NE Sixth Street, Homestead, Florida 33030. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2001.
- Sunrise, Haven Center, will provide services for a maximum of 18 exceptional students, for an amount not to exceed \$194,324. This facility is located at 11290 SW 80 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33173. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 1988.
- Sunrise, Miami Lakes, will provide services for a maximum of 30 exceptional students, for an amount not to exceed \$291,603. This facility is located at 18295 NW 68 Avenue, Miami Lakes, Florida 33015. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2000.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. Extended School Year (ESY) services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The total cost for the three programs for a maximum of 60 students will not exceed \$615,477, based on the students' Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The President and CEO of Sunrise Community Inc., is Mr. Leslie Leach.

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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 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731 and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3635, Object 5310, Location 9615.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Sunrise Community, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 60 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$615,477, effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

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 and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund).

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