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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., AND JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, NOT TO EXCEED \$742,875, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., (Goodwill) and Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., (JCS) to provide vocational training and employability skills to students with disabilities. These agencies provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students ages, 18-22. 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. These contractual agreements have been in effect since 1988.

The contract with Goodwill will provide services for a maximum of 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$338,387. The facility is located at 2121 NW 21 Street, Miami, Florida.

The contract with JCS will provide services for a maximum of 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$404,488. The facility is located at 735 NE 125 Street, North Miami, Florida.

Funding for these contracts will be provided by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Extended School Year (ESY) services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The total cost for both programs will not exceed \$742,785, 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 Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., is Mr. Dennis Pastrana; the President and CEO of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., is Ms. Sylvia Goldsmith.

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

The appropriation for these items 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:

1. Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$338,387, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006; and
2. Jewish Community Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$404,488, 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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