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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH NONPROFIT/FOR PROFIT AGENCIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ADJUDICATED, INCARCERATED, OR AT-RISK STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with nonprofit/for profit agencies in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide educational and related services to adjudicated, incarcerated, or at-risk students, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. In compliance with Florida Statutes 1006.07, 1003.51, and 1003.52, the Division of Alternative Outreach has developed 18 cooperative agreements with governmental and private agencies. Services will be provided for the 2006 summer session and the 2006-2007 school year. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has had cooperative agreements with agencies to provide educational and related services to adjudicated, incarcerated, or at-risk students since 1980.

The agreements involve commitments on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the agencies in Miami-Dade County as outlined in the cooperative agreements:

- M-DCPS will provide an educational program, including teachers, materials, and equipment on the same basis as provided to regular classes within M-DCPS. The principal of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program will provide the supervision of teachers.
- The designated agencies will provide classroom space in existing buildings that meet state specifications. Additionally, the agencies will provide furniture, records of school-age students, and notification of students' discharge.

The educational component will be operated under the auspices of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program. The Outreach Program will provide educational and related services for students who are adjudicated by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), incarcerated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Miami-Dade County, reside in shelters for the abused and the neglected, require day treatment for substance abuse, or require hospitalization.

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The agencies are as follows:

Agency	Name	Contact Person / Title
Governmental	The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Miami-Dade County: Turner Guilford Knight Detention Center, and Women's Detention Center	Chief Donald Coffey
Private, Non-profit	Catholic Services, Inc.: Boystown	Dr. Richard Turcotte, CEO
	CHARLEE of Miami-Dade County, Inc.	Ms. Mary Cagle, CEO
	The Family & Child Enrichment, Inc.: Open Arms International (Florida Unaccompanied Refugee Program)	Ms. Delores Dunn, CEO
	Here's Help North	Mr. John Kross, CEO
	The Public Health Trust/Jackson Memorial Hospital: Highland Park Pavilion/Adolescent Substance Abuse Programs	Ms. Eve Sakran Program Director
	His House, Inc.	Ms. Jean Caceres-Gonzalez, Executive Director
	Children's Home Society, Inc.: McLamore Center and Hands in Action	Ms. Jacqueline Gerstein, CEO
	Miami Bridge, Inc.: North & South	Ms. Stephanie Solovei, CEO
	Citrus Health Network, Inc.: Children's Crisis Service Unit (CCSU), Lou Panci Educational Center, Statewide In-Patient Psychiatric Program (SIPP)	Mr. Mario Jardon, CEO
	The Village: Boys & Girls Units	Mr. James Mennes, CEO
	TROY Community Academy	Ms. Jennifer Schuster, Program Director
	Baptist Health System of South Florida: South Miami Hospital Addiction Treatment Program	Mr. Wayne Bracken, CEO
	Miami Children's Hospital	Ms. Aneisha Samuel, CEO
	Bay Point Schools, Inc.	Dr. Mary Louise Cole, CEO
WINGS for Life South Florida	Ms. Lynn Smithwick, CEO	
PACE Center for Girls/Dade	Ms. Donna Gallagher, CEO	
Private, for Profit	Premier Behavioral Solutions, Inc.: Southern Glades Youth Camp, Everglades Youth Development Center, and Florida City Youth Center	Mr. Mike Pinelli, CEO

There is no exchange of funds.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into cooperative agreements with the following agencies to provide educational and related services, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007:

1. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation of Miami-Dade County;
2. private, non-profit agencies: Catholic Services, Inc.; CHARLEE of Miami-Dade County, Inc.; The Family & Child Enrichment, Inc.; Here's Help North; The Public Health Trust/Jackson Memorial Hospital; His House, Inc.; Children's Home Society, Inc.; Miami Bridge, Inc.; Citrus Health Network, Inc.; The Village; TROY Community Academy; Baptist Health System of South Florida; Miami Children's Hospital; Bay Point Schools, Inc., WINGS for Life South Florida, and PACE Center for Girls/Dade;
3. private, for-profit agency: Premier Behavioral Solutions, Inc.; and
4. extend the cooperative agreements for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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