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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$56,674, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with nonpublic schools to provide educational and related services to three students with disabilities (SWD). These contracts will allow for the continuation of services to these students in accordance with State Board of Education rule 6A-6.0361. The Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach, and Psychological Services has determined that these schools continue to provide appropriate programs for the students involved. This office has been contracting with nonpublic schools since 1976. Contractual agreements are proposed with the following educational institutions to serve three SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$56,678, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007:

1. Kentwood Preparatory School, Lantana, Florida, for a day program for one autistic student, in an amount not to exceed \$18,300, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The Vice President of Kentwood Preparatory School is Mr. Gary Fein.
2. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for two profoundly mentally handicapped students, in an amount not to exceed \$19,187, per student, for a total amount not to exceed \$38,374, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The Executive Director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., is Dr. Debbie Terenzio.

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The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2006-2007 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2006, under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with nonpublic schools, to provide educational and related services to students with disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$56,674:

1. Kentwood Preparatory School, Lantana, Florida, for a day program for one autistic student, in an amount not to exceed \$18,300, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007;and
2. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for two profoundly handicapped students, in an amount not to exceed \$19,187 per student, for a total amount not to exceed \$38,374, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

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