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 Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,573,964, 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 community agencies to provide vocational training and employability skills to students with disabilities (SWD). The agencies will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for SWD. Participation in these programs will provide 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.

The agencies are as follows:

AGENCIES	FUNDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Inc. 2801 North Miami Avenue Miami, Florida 33127</li> <li>• Ms. Helena Del Monte, Executive Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 25 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$250,195</li> <li>• Contracted since 2001</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc. 1475 NW 14 Avenue Miami, Florida 33125</li> <li>• Dr. Joan Bornstein, President</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 30 SWD, ages 16-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$275,921</li> <li>• Contracted since 1993</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida 991 NW 54 Street Miami, Florida 33127</li> <li>• Mr. Michael Faine, President</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 40 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$388,223</li> <li>• Contracted since 2003</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc. 12121 NW 21 Street Miami, Florida 33142</li> <li>• Mr. Dennis Pastrana, President and CEO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 38 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$357,155</li> <li>• Contracted since 1988</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc. 735 NE 125 Street North Miami, Florida 33161</li> <li>• Ms. Sylvia Goldsmith, President and CEO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 40 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$375,946</li> <li>• Contracted since 1988</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Florida Mentor 14250 SW 119 Avenue Miami, Florida 33186</li> <li>• Mr. William Allen, State Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 25 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$241,115</li> <li>• Contracted since 2003</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunrise Community, Inc. (Haven Center) 11290 SW 80 Terrace Miami, Florida 33173</li> <li>• Mr. Leslie Leach, President and CEO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 18 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$278,422</li> <li>• Contracted since 1988</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunrise Community, Inc. (Miami Lakes) 18295 NW 68 Avenue Miami, Florida 33015</li> <li>• Mr. Leslie Leach, President and CEO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 30 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$281, 993</li> <li>• Contracted since 2000</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunrise Community, Inc. (South Dade Station) 70 NE Sixth Street Homestead, Florida 33030</li> <li>• Mr. Leslie Leach, President and CEO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 12 SWD, ages 18-22</li> <li>• Amount not to exceed \$124,994</li> <li>• Contracted since 2001</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL 7 agencies/ 9 sites</b>	<b>258 SWD - not to exceed \$2,573,964</b>

Funding for these contracts will be provided by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), based on students' current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

These programs are evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Special Education. The evaluations include facility reviews, site visits, monitoring of student records, and monitoring of the instructional program as specified in the contracts.

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 the following community agencies to provide educational and related services to a maximum of 258 SWD, in a total maximum amount not to exceed \$2,573,964, effective July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007:

- Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Inc., to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$250,195;
- Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to a maximum of 30 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$275,921;
- Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida, to a maximum of 40 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$388,223;
- Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., to a maximum of 38 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$357,155;
- Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., to a maximum of 40 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$375,946;
- National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Florida Mentor, to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$241,115;
- Sunrise Community Inc.,(Haven Center) to a maximum of 18 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$278,422;
- Sunrise Community, Inc., (Miami Lakes) to a maximum of 30 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$281,993; and
- Sunrise Community, Inc., (South Dade Station) to a maximum of 12 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$124,994.

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.

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