

Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES CENTER, INC., TO PROVIDE
EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$177,724,
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Psychological Services Center, Inc. to provide vocational training and employability skill development to individuals with disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$177,724. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for a maximum of 25 students with disabilities, ages 18-22. The agency has Certified Behavior Analyst services on site. Students who participate in this age-appropriate environment will gain the support necessary to make the transition from school to work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The bell times for Psychological Services Center, Inc., are from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. This facility is located at, 3800 NW 132 Street, Opa-locka, Florida 33054. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 2004.

Funding for this contract 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 September 14, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

The State Director of Psychological Services Center, Inc., is Mr. Manuel Ruiz.

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

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Psychological Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services to a maximum of 25 students with disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$177,724, effective September 14, 2006, through June 30, 2007; and
2. approve the bell time for Psychological Services Center, Inc., from 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget.

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