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Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EASTER SEALS MIAMI-DADE, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,902, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 22, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to provide vocational training and employability skill development to individuals with disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$124,902. The agency will provide direct training services in the area of janitorial/environmental services for a maximum of 25 students with disabilities, ages 16-22. 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 (M-DCPS). This facility is located at 1475 NW 14 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33125. This is a new contractual agreement.

This full-day program will include an academic component in which students will receive the required academic courses necessary to meet special diploma graduation requirements. The curriculum is designed to give purpose and meaning to education by relating academics and training to specific occupational goals.

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 November 22, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

The President of Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., is Dr. Joan Bornstein.

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 enter into a contractual agreement with Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to provide educational and related services to a maximum of 25 students with disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$124,902, effective November 22, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

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

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