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Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC), SOUTH MIAMI HOSPITAL, TO PROVIDE AUDIOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM-SOUTH (FDLRS-SOUTH), EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 22, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Child Development Center (CDC), South Miami Hospital, to provide approximately eight (8) audiological evaluations for preschool-age children in collaboration with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System-South (FDLRS-South), effective November 22, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The CDC, South Miami Hospital, has received a grant from the Henry L. and Kathryn Mills Charity Foundation to provide audiological evaluations for preschool-age children. Treating over 1,000 children each year, the CDC provides a full spectrum of evaluation and treatment services in one facility including occupational and physical therapy, audiology, speech/language pathology, psychology, and social work. The CDC has been providing services to children and families since 1993, and has established an outstanding reputation within the community. FDLRS-South had a cooperative agreement with the CDC during the 2001-2002, the 2004-2005, and the 2005-2006 school years funded through a grant.

Funding for said evaluations has been provided by the Henry L. and Kathryn Mills Charity Foundation in the form of a one-year grant to the CDC. Evaluations will take place in accordance with the CDC scheduling procedures. FDLRS-South will refer families to the CDC and coordinate the provision of services. These evaluations will be provided at no cost to FDLRS-South or to the families.

The Medical Director of the Child Development Center is Dr. Carmen de Lerma.

No local funds are required.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Child Development Center (CDC), South Miami Hospital, to provide approximately eight (8) audiological evaluations for preschool-age children in collaboration with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System-South (FDLRS-South), effective November 22, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

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