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Curriculum and Instruction

**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 \$41,421, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007, THROUGH  
JUNE 30, 2008**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN:   GENERAL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with nonpublic schools to provide educational and related services to two 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 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 two SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$41,421:

1. Kentwood Preparatory School, Lantana, Florida, for a day program for one autistic student, in an amount not to exceed \$21,660, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. 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 one profoundly mentally handicapped student, in an amount not to exceed \$19,761, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. The Executive Director of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., is Dr. Debbie Terenzio.

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These nonpublic school programs are evaluated by support staff from the Division of Special Education. The evaluation, including facility reviews, site visits, and monitoring student records and program delivery models, found the programs ensure compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2007, 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 \$41,421:

1. Kentwood Preparatory School, Lantana, Florida, for a day program for one autistic student, in an amount not to exceed \$21,660, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008; and
2. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., Miami, Florida, for a day program for one profoundly handicapped student, in an amount not to exceed \$19,761, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2007.