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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES EARLY STEPS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO 60 COCAINE-EXPOSED STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, BIRTH THROUGH AGE TWO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$855,836, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami, the Department of Health-Children's Medical Services (CMS) Early Steps, to provide educational services to 60 cocaine-exposed students with disabilities, birth through age two. Children eligible for placement as developmentally delayed are served in a center-based program. This contractual agreement has been in effect since 1992.

The University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center, provides the facility, instructional personnel, appropriate related services, materials, supplies, assessment of students, assistance in the placement of students, supervision of staff, administrative support, and security for the program. Additionally, it is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the program.

Funding for this contractual agreement will be provided by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), Part C funds, and agency funds. The funds generated by FTE will not exceed \$605,836, and will be based upon the actual number of students enrolled based on their Individualized Family Support Plans (IFSPs) and on their current matrix funding levels.

An additional amount of \$250,000 will be provided in ten equal installments to cover transportation costs. The total contract will be in an amount not to exceed \$855,836, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

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This program is evaluated by administrative and 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 program to be effective in providing early intervention services and to be in compliance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

The Manager of Sponsored Programs for the University of Miami is Ms. Sandy Blanco.

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 a contractual agreement with the University of Miami, the Department of Health-Children's Medical Services Early Steps, to provide educational services to 60 cocaine-exposed students with disabilities, birth through age two, in an amount not to exceed \$855,836, 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.

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