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Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,046,019, 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 contractual agreements with community agencies to provide vocational training and employability skills to students with disabilities (SWD). The agencies will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for SWD. Participation in these programs will provide students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school-to-work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

The agencies are as follows:

AGENCIES	FUNDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Inc. 2801 North Miami Avenue Miami, Florida 33127• Ms. Helena Del Monte, Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 25 SWD, ages 18-22• Amount not to exceed \$249,297• Contracted since 2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Center for Independent Living 6660 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, Florida 33138• Ms. Kelly Greene, Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 25 SWD, ages 18-22• Amount not to exceed \$321,212• New contractual agreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Seals South Florida, Inc. (culinary arts) 1475 NW 14 Avenue Miami, Florida 33125• Dr. Joan Bornstein, President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 30 SWD, ages 16-22• Amount not to exceed \$302,571• Contracted since 1993
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Seals South Florida, Inc. (janitorial/environmental services) 1475 NW 14 Avenue Miami, Florida 33125• Dr. Joan Bornstein, President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of 25 SWD ages 16-22• Amount not to exceed \$249,297• Contracted since 2006

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida 991 NW 54 Street Miami, Florida 33127 • Mr. Michael Faine, President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 40 SWD, ages 18-22 • Amount not to exceed \$406,143 • Contracted since 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc. 2121 NW 21 Street Miami, Florida 33142 • Mr. Dennis Pastrana, President and CEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 38 SWD, ages 18-22 • Amount not to exceed \$377,564 • Contracted since 1988
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc. 735 NE 125 Street North Miami, Florida 33161 • Mr. David Saltman, President and CEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 25 SWD, ages 18-22 • Amount not to exceed \$249,297 • Contracted since 1988
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Florida Mentor 14250 SW 119 Avenue Miami, Florida 33186 • Mr. William Allen, State Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 20 SWD, ages 18-22 • Amount not to exceed \$196,022 • Contracted since 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and Services Foundation d/b/a/ Psychological Services Center, Inc. 3800 NW 132 Street Opa-Locka, Florida 33054 • Mr. Manuel Ruiz, Executive Vice President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 25 SWD, ages 18-22 • Amount not to exceed \$249,297 • Contracted since 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunrise Community, Inc. (Haven Center) 11290 SW 80 Terrace Miami, Florida 33173 • Mr. Leslie Leach, President and CEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 25 SWD, ages 18-22 • Amount not to exceed \$249,297 • Contracted since 1988
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunrise Community, Inc. (Miami Lakes) 18295 NW 68 Avenue Miami, Florida 33015 • Mr. Leslie Leach, President and CEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum of 20 SWD, ages 18-22 • Amount not to exceed \$196,022 • Contracted since 2000
TOTAL 9 agencies/ 10 sites	298 SWD - not to exceed \$3,046,019

Funding for these contracts 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 July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

These programs are 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 programs to be effective in providing vocational training to SWD.

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 the following community agencies to provide educational and related services to a maximum of 298 SWD, in a total maximum amount not to exceed \$3,046,019, effective July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008:

- Association for the Development of the Exceptional, Inc., to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$249,297;
- Center for Independent Living, to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$321,212;
- Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (culinary arts) to a maximum of 30 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$302,571;
- Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (janitorial/environmental services) to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$249,297;
- Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida, to a maximum of 40 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$406,143;
- Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., to a maximum of 38 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$377,564;
- Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$249,297;
- National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Florida Mentor, to a maximum of 20 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$196,022;
- Research and Services Foundation D/B/A/ Psychological Services Center, to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$249,297;
- Sunrise Community Inc.,(Haven Center) to a maximum of 25 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$249,297; and
- Sunrise Community, Inc., (Miami Lakes) to a maximum of 20 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$196,022.

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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