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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER, INC., A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT AGENCY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO AT-RISK STUDENTS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT ADULT/VOCATIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami Behavioral Health Center, Inc., a private non-profit agency in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide educational and related services to at-risk students effective December 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. In order to ensure compliance with Florida Statutes 1003.51, 1003.53, and 1003.58, and School Board Rule 6Gx13- 5B-1.032, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has maintained cooperative agreements with non-profit/for profit agencies to provide educational and related services to adjudicated, incarcerated, or at-risk students since 1980.

The agreement includes the following commitments on the part of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the agency in Miami-Dade County as outlined in the cooperative agreement:

- M-DCPS will provide an educational program, including teachers, materials, and equipment on the same basis as provided to traditional schools within M-DCPS. The principal of the Educational Alternative Outreach Program (EAOP) will provide the supervision of teachers.
- The agency will provide classroom space in existing buildings that meet required state specifications. Additionally, the agency will provide furniture, records of school-age students, and notification of students' discharge.

The educational component will be operated through School Operations/Alternative Education. The Educational Alternative Outreach Program will provide educational and related services for students who are in-patients of the agency and receive substance abuse treatment.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami Behavioral Health Center, Inc., a private non-profit agency in Miami-Dade County, Florida, to provide services to at-risk students effective December 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008; and
2. to extend the cooperative agreement for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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