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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH FIVE COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,370,981, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE 2008-2009 DISTRICT BUDGET

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 five community agencies that have specific expertise in providing educational and vocational training services to a unique population of students with disabilities (SWD) which include autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disabilities, and severe behavior disorders.

Funding for each community agency is based on program delivery models and is delineated below:

- Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (Easter Seals – Culinary Arts) will serve a maximum of 30 students, between the ages of 16-22, in an amount not to exceed \$271,303;
- Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (Easter Seals - Janitorial/Environmental Services) will serve a maximum of 20 students between the ages of 16-22, in an amount not to exceed \$175,809;
- Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida (EDC) will serve a maximum of 30 students between the ages of 18-22, in an amount not to exceed \$268,801;
- Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., (Goodwill) will serve 35 students between the ages of 18-22, in an amount not to exceed \$319,050;
- Research and Services Foundation, Inc., (RSF) d/b/a Psychological Services Center (PSC) will serve 20 students between the ages of 18-22, in an amount not to exceed \$240,524; and
- Sunrise Community, Inc., (Sunrise - Doral) will serve 10 students between the ages of 18-22, in amount not to exceed \$95,494.

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Facility reviews, site visits, monitoring student records and program delivery models, by District staff found the programs to be effective and in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements. Each year, prior to renewal, an annual survey will be conducted with agencies providing these specialized services to determine who will best serve the District.

On May 1, 2008, in accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, Professional Services Contracts, each contract was thoroughly reviewed, and the Professional Services Contract Committee recommended that an exception to the School Board rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals (RFP) be granted as these agencies have specific expertise in this field.

Funding for these services will be generated by 80% of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) based on the level of services needed for each student listed in their Individual Educational Plan (IEP). The remaining 20% of the FTE will cover ancillary costs.

Contingent upon the approval of the 2008-2009 District Budget, the appropriation for this item will be included 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:

1. enter into contractual agreements, subject to appropriation, with the following five community agencies, to provide educational and vocational training services, to a maximum of 145 SWD, in an amount not to exceed \$1,370,981, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009:
 - Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (Easter Seals – Culinary Arts), in an amount not to exceed \$271,303;
 - Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (Easter Seals - Janitorial/Environmental Services), in an amount not to exceed \$175,809;
 - Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida (EDC), in an amount not to exceed \$268,801;
 - Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., (Goodwill), in an amount not to exceed \$319,050;
 - Research and Services Foundation, Inc. (RSF) d/b/a Psychological Services Center (PSC), in an amount not to exceed \$240,524; and
 - Sunrise Community, Inc., (Sunrise - Doral), for an amount not to exceed \$95,494; and,
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2008, contingent upon approval of the 2008-2009 District Budget.

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