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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT
WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC.,
TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO
STUDENTS WITH SEVERE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$171,709, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010,
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF
THE 2010-2011 DISTRICT BUDGET**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., (UCP) to provide educational and related services for students with severe intellectual disabilities who have complex medical conditions that prevent enrollment in a traditional public school setting. Students will be provided with specialized instruction, medical monitoring and related services, to include direct 1-to-1 specialized instruction, assistive technology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory services, and nursing services to medically fragile students with severe intellectual disabilities (formerly identified as students with profound mental handicaps).

This program is evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Special Education. The evaluation including a facility review, site visits, monitoring student records and program delivery models found the program to be effective in providing educational and related services and to be in compliance with the Individuals with Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, reviewed this contract on May 27, 2010, and recommended that an exception to School Board Rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as UCP has specific expertise in serving students with severe intellectual disabilities who have complex medical conditions.

UCP will provide services to a maximum of 12 students with severe intellectual disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$171,709. The facility is located at 1411 NW 14 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33125.

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The cost of these services will be covered by 75% of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated by the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) based on the student's current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and matrix funding levels. The ancillary costs will be covered by the remaining 25% of the FTE.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2010-2011 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2010, under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731, contingent upon approval of the 2010-2011 District Budget.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., to provide educational and related services to students with severe intellectual disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$171,709, effective July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, contingent upon approval of the 2010-2011 District budget; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, based on UCP's specific expertise in serving students with severe intellectual disabilities who have complex medical conditions.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2010-2011 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2010, contingent upon approval of the 2010-2011 District Budget.

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