

Education Transformation Office
Nikolai Vitti, Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, effective October 20, 2011 through June 8, 2012 to enroll 100 students and mentors in a one-to-one school-based mentoring program. Big Brother Big Sisters' staff will interview high school students from the 10 Education Transformation Office (ETO) high schools and prepare them for the world of work by pairing them with mentors who can expose them to workplace practices and career paths. The mentor opportunities will be aligned with current Career Academies at the ETO high schools. In addition, the high school mentees will, in turn, serve as mentors to other students at ETO elementary schools.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Policy 6320 reviewed this Board item on September 22, 2011 and recommended that the contract with Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater Miami be granted an exception as specific expertise.

The appropriation for this item is included in the School Improvement Grant (SIG 1003 (g)) under the following budget structure: Fund 420000, Object 531000, Program 34930000, Location 1957600, Function 34930000-510000

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RECOMMENDED:

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami to enroll 100 students and mentors in a one-to-one school-based mentoring program in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, effective October 20, 2011 through June 8, 2012; and
2. grant an exception to Board Policy 6320, for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami based on specific expertise.

The appropriation for this item is included in School Improvement Grant (SIG 1003 (g)).