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**SUBJECT:** REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LINDA RAY INTERVENTION CENTER/DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) EARLY STEPS, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MAILMAN CENTER AND MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR A MAXIMUM OF 60 COCAINE-EXPOSED SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS, BIRTH THROUGH AGE TWO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$473,768, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE 2012-2013 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 the University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center/Department of Psychology, Department of Health-Children's Medical Services (CMS) Early Steps, University of Miami Mailman Center and Miami Children's Hospital to provide educational services for a maximum of 60 cocaine-exposed special education students, birth through age two.

The University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center/Department of Psychology provides the facility, instructional personnel, appropriate related services, materials, supplies, assessment and placement of children, supervision of staff, administrative support, and security for the program. Additionally, it is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the program. The Early Steps programs or their designee, provide initial assessments, case management and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C funding. Part C funding may be used for a range of services including, but not limited to: nursing, therapy, home visits, social work service, family training, assistive technology, and staff assistance with the identification and placement of eligible children.

During the 2011-2012 school year, facility reviews, site visits, and monitoring children's records and program delivery models by District staff found the program to be effective in providing early intervention services and to be in compliance with the IDEA requirements.

Funding for this contract will come from 75% of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) based on the level of services needed for each child listed in their Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP). The remaining 25% of the FTE will cover ancillary services/costs.

Contingent upon approval of the 2012-2013 District Budget, the appropriation for this item will be included under Fund 100000, Funds Center 1901300, Commitment Item 531000, Functional Area 68400000-521700.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center/Department of Psychology, Department of Health-Children's Medical Services (CMS) Early Steps, University of Miami Mailman Center and Miami Children's Hospital, to provide educational services for a maximum of 60 cocaine-exposed special education students, birth through age two, in an amount not to exceed \$473,768 effective July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, contingent upon approval of the 2012-2013 District Budget; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Policy 6320, based upon selection procedures that are provided by State Statute, State Board Rule or other School Board Policies.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2012-2013 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2012, contingent upon approval of the 2012-2013 District Budget.

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