

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH COOL SCHOOL OF DADE, INC., FOR THE EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM AT LAURA C. SAUNDERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,440, FROM JULY 19, 1999 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- I - EARLY INTERVENTION**
- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The Early Head Start Program is required by the Head Start Program Performance Standards to provide program services that are comprehensive and based on a family case management approach. By providing these services through the use of a licensed social work team, the school district will be in compliance with the terms of the Early Head Start grant and will be meeting all the Performance Standards established by Head Start. The grant period is from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Cool School of Dade, Inc., to provide social work services to 48 families participating in the Early Head Start Program from July 19, 1999 through June 30, 2000. As mandated by the Head Start Program Performance Standards, these services will include the following: development of community partnerships; development and implementation of Individualized Family Partnership Agreements; collaboration with program staff; evaluation of family readiness; identification of family strengths and service needs; monitoring of service integration; and planning, training and consultation. The contractual agreement with Cool School of Dade, Inc., is in an amount not to exceed \$52,440.

The acting Executive Director of Cool School of Dade, Inc., is Nancy Rudes, LCSW.

The Early Head Start Program, as approved by the School Board at its meeting of July 23, 1997, identified Cool School of Dade, Inc., as the collaborative agency to provide social

work services to participating families. Therefore, the contract being recommended here does not require submission to the Professional Services Contract Committee for a waiver from School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Contracted Program Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption on July 26, 1999, under Fund 0420, Object 5310, Location 9613, Program 3963, Function 9100.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Cool School of Dade, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$52,440, for the Early Head Start Program at Laura C. Saunders Elementary School, July 19, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the Contracted Program Fund of the 1999-2000 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption on July 26, 1999.