Education Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA TO OPERATE A DAY-TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED ADOLESCENTS, FROM **JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001**

Authorization is requested to enter into a cooperative agreement with Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) to jointly operate a program for severely emotionally disturbed (SED) adolescents. The combined resources of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and CHS have resulted in delivery of comprehensive services in a day-treatment program. The program is located in Miami Springs, Florida, and is designed to serve SED adolescents in grades 6 through 12. A cooperative agreement has been in effect since 1992 for the operation of this program.

M-DCPS will provide transportation, teaching staff, materials, equipment, and supplies necessary for the operation of the instructional program. CHS will provide classroom space, furniture, and fixtures, as well as staff to provide clinical support services.

The Regional Vice President of CHS is Ms. Sara Herald.

There is no exchange of funds.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Children's Home Society of Florida to operate a day-treatment program for severely emotionally disturbed adolescents, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

There is no exchange of funds.