

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AMEND AN EXISTING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXCEPTIONAL TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE CURRENT APPROVED AMOUNT OF \$206,162, FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to amend an existing contractual agreement with the Association for the Development of the Exceptional (ADE) to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities. On June 20, 2001, the Board approved a contractual agreement with ADE to provide services for up to 14 TMH students and up to six PMH or autistic students. The amendment is being requested to allow trainable mentally handicapped (TMH) students to fill the six currently open slots originally designated for profoundly mentally handicapped (PMH) or autistic students. In the current contractual agreement, autistic or PMH students are billed at a rate of \$1,063 per student, per month and TMH students are billed at a rate of \$771.58 per student, per month. Therefore, the amount paid to the agency will not exceed the \$206,162 approved in June 2001. Participation in these programs will provide students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school-to-work upon leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The contractual agreement has been in effect since March 2001.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The proposed amended contract has been developed to provide services for up to 20 TMH students.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The Executive Director of the Association for the Development of the Exceptional, is Mr. Michael S. Faine.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to amend an existing contractual agreement with the Association for the Development of the Exceptional, to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed the current approved amount of \$206,162, from February 14, 2002 through June 30, 2002.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2001-2002 Adopted Budget.

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