

June 7, 2002

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC., AND SUNRISE COMMUNITY, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$913,336, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc. (Goodwill), Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc. (JCS), and Sunrise Community, Inc. (Sunrise), to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities. These agencies provide educational and related services for exceptional students ages 18-22, through comprehensive on-the-job training programs. Participation in these programs provides students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school-to-work upon exiting the school system. These contractual agreements have been in effect since 1988.

The contract with Goodwill will provide services for up to 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$330,918. The contractual agreement was \$379,818, for the 2001-2002 school year. The facility is located at 2121 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, Florida.

The contract with JCS will provide services for up to 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$435,068. The contractual agreement was \$398,336, for the 2001-2002 school year. The facility is located at 735 NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street, North Miami, Florida.

The contract with Sunrise will provide services for up to 18 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$147,350. The contractual agreement was \$187,644, for the 2001-2002 school year. The two facilities that serve students in the south are located at Haven Center 11290 SW 80<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Miami, Florida, and Old Dixie at 29800 Old Dixie Highway, Homestead, Florida.

As a result of the changing needs of these students, it is anticipated that the number of students served will fluctuate throughout the year, up to the maximum stated. Funding for these contracts will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida

Education Finance Program. The summer program will be provided through the Supplemental Academic Instruction Program. The total cost for all four programs will not exceed \$913,336.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2002 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731, and in the Contracted Programs Fund under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3531, Object 5310, Location 9615.

The President/CEO of Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., is Mr. Dennis Pastrana; the President/CEO of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., is Ms. Sylvia Goldsmith; and the President/CEO of Sunrise Community, Inc., is Mr. Leslie Leech, Jr.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with:

1. Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., to provide educational and related services for up to 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$330,918, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. Jewish Community Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for up to 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$435,068, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003; and
3. Sunrise Community, Inc., to provide educational and related services for up to 18 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$147,350, from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2002-2003 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2002.

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