

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A 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 \$259,821, FROM JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Association for the Development of the Exceptional to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities. The agency will provide educational and related services in comprehensive on-the-job training programs for exceptional students ages 18-22. 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 was \$206,162, for the 2001-2002 school year. This facility is located at 2801 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida. This 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 summer program will be provided through the Supplemental Academic Instruction Program. The proposed contract has been developed to provide services for up to 25 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$259,821.

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 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 enter into a 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 \$259,821, 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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