

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AMEND EXISTING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH EASTER SEALS MIAMI-DADE, INC., AND SUNRISE COMMUNITY, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,660, FROM MAY 15, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to amend two existing contractual agreements with Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., (Easter Seals) and Sunrise Community, Inc., (Sunrise) to provide vocational training and employment to individuals with disabilities.

On June 19, 2002, the Board approved the two contractual agreements to provide services to students with disabilities. The total amount approved for Easter Seals was \$200,430 and the total amount approved for Sunrise was \$147,350. The students served in the programs have a varying degree of needs; therefore, their individual matrix levels are now higher than projected at the beginning of the school year.

The amendment is being requested to provide funds to cover the additional educational costs for 30 students at Easter Seals and 18 students at Sunrise through June 30, 2003. The contract with Easter Seals has been in effect since 1993 and the contract with Sunrise has been in effect since 1988.

Funding for the contracts will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. The proposed amended contracts will provide Easter Seals with an additional \$70,475 and Sunrise with an additional \$3,185.

The President of Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., is Dr. Joan Bornstein and the President/CEO of Sunrise Community, Inc., is Mr. Leslie Leech, Jr.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731 and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) under Fund 0420, Function 5200, Program 3531, Object 5310, Location 9615.

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

1. Easter Seals Miami-Dade, Inc., to provide educational and related services for exceptional students in an additional amount of \$70, 475; and
2. Sunrise Community, Inc., to provide educational and related services for exceptional students in an additional amount of \$3,185.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund and in the Other Federal Programs Fund (Contracted Programs Fund) the 2002-2003 Adopted Budget.

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