

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:               REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER  
                              INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SUNRISE COMMUNITY,  
                              INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES FOR  
                              EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE:            EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Sunrise Community, Inc., 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. This facility is located at 70 NE Sixth Street, Homestead, Florida.

Funding for this contract will be provided, at least in part, by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program. Extended School Year services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The proposed contract has been developed to provide services for a maximum of 12 exceptional students based on their current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels, in an amount not to exceed \$119,498, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

The President and CEO of Sunrise Community, Inc., is Mr. Leslie Leech, Jr.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2003 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.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Sunrise Community, Inc., to provide educational and related services for exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$119,498, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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