

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST 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**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

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 leaving Miami-Dade County Public Schools

The contract with Goodwill will provide services for a maximum of 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$344,768. The facility is located at 2121 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, Florida.

The contract with JCS will provide services for a maximum of 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$378,516. The facility is located at 735 NE 125<sup>th</sup> Street, North Miami, Florida.

The contract with Sunrise will provide services for a maximum of 18 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$173,213. The facility is located at Haven Center, 11290 SW 80<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Miami, Florida.

These contractual agreements will be effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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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. . Extended School Year services, if required, will be provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The total cost for all four programs will not exceed \$896,497, based on the students' Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and on their current matrix funding levels.

The President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., is Mr. Dennis Pastrana; the President and CEO of Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc., is Ms. Sylvia Goldsmith; and 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 contractual agreements with:

1. Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 38 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$344,768, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
2. Jewish Community Services, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 40 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$378,516, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
3. Sunrise Community, Inc., to provide educational and related services for a maximum of 18 exceptional students, in an amount not to exceed \$173,213, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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