

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY CENTRAL, INC., FOR FUNDING OF AFTER-SCHOOL CARE SERVICES

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Family Central, Inc., solicited responses to a Request For Proposals (RFP) from public and private agencies for the purchase of after-school care services effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools developed a proposal to expand after-school care services at eligible schools in accordance with the specifications of the RFP. This agreement serves children referred to existing programs by Family Central, Inc. The funding requested for each center is based upon the number of children served for the 260 days the centers are in operation. Funds received for the after-school care program provide part-time salaries, food service, supplies, and equipment. Reimbursement is computed at \$6 per child, per day, for the days students are in school.

The daily program includes educational, recreational, social, and cultural activities. Supervised homework time and a snack are provided. Parents are encouraged to participate in the activities of the program.

The agreement with Family Central, Inc. to provide subsidized child care services is an open contract. In the agreement, neither the number of children to be served nor the amount of funds per center is stated. Appropriations from Family Central, Inc. to each center are ultimately adjusted to reflect actual revenues generated by that center.

The president of Family Central, Inc., is Ms. Barbara Weinstein.

There is no cost associated with this program since all related expenses will be reimbursed by Family Central, Inc.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Family Central, Inc., for funding of after-school care services, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. receive reimbursement for services rendered.

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