

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI DADE
COLLEGE TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND
VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS,
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami Dade College (MDC) to facilitate the operation of a Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) classroom program for exceptional student education (ESE) students, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. The purpose of this program is to provide students with an age-appropriate environment and the support necessary for making the transition from school-to-work upon leaving M-DCPS. The program will be located at the InterAmerican campus located at 627 SW 27 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33135. This is a new cooperative agreement.

This program is designed for students ages 18-22 with moderate cognitive disabilities who are pursuing a special diploma. Students will continue to receive course credits toward graduation from M-DCPS while participating in on-campus vocational opportunities and auditing MDC classes.

It is anticipated that 8-10 students will participate in this program. One teacher and two paraprofessionals, transportation, materials, supplies and equipment, classroom furniture, and meals will be provided by M-DCPS.

Copies of the cooperative agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of the Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

There is no exchange of funds.

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

1. enter into a cooperative agreement with Miami Dade College to facilitate the provision of educational and vocational experiences for exceptional students, effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006; and
2. extend the cooperative agreement for a maximum of two additional one-year periods.

There is no exchange of funds.

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