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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH PEDIATRIC ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT, CARE, HOUSING, AND EVALUATION SERVICES (PATCHES) TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE (PPEC) FACILITIES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing, and Evaluation Services (PATCHES) to provide services to children with disabilities in the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) facility, located at 1005 North Krome Avenue, Suite 101, Homestead, Florida 33030. Students in this facility are medically dependent and require full-time nursing supervision. This is a new cooperative agreement.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide itinerant teachers certified in special education to serve a maximum of 25 students with disabilities who have complex medical needs, educational materials, equipment, and supplies needed to implement the goals and benchmarks on each child's Individual Educational Plan (IEP). Funding for this agreement will be provided by FTE generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). The PPEC site will provide the facility, nursing services, medical case management, and therapeutic services, effective January 19, 2006, through June 30, 2006. Supervision of the program will be provided by the Division of Special Education.

The President of Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing, and Evaluation Services (PATCHES) is Ms. Azona Kyle Smith.

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 the Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing, and Evaluation Services (PATCHES) to provide services to children with disabilities in the Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care facility, effective January 19, 2006, 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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