

Antoinette Dunbar, Associate Superintendent
Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CUBAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, INC., TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS AGES 14-18

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Pursuant to a competitive grant awarded to Miami-Dade County Public Schools from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) under the Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement Program, authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Cuban American National Council, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000.00, to provide supplemental educational opportunities for low-performing refugee youth ages 14-18 who are enrolled in non-public high schools. This agreement fulfills grant requirements to establish partnerships and allocate funds to community and/or faith-based organizations that service the targeted population.

The Cuban American National Council, Inc. (CNC), is an established community organization that provides quality educational services to the targeted refugee population in the Miami-Dade community. This agency has identified the targeted refugee students ages 14-18 that meet the grant criteria.

The grant was accepted at the Board meeting of June 18, 2008, Item C-81. The above mentioned organization was named as a collaborative partner on the board item and has the necessary expertise required to provide supplemental educational services to refugee youth ages 14-18.

The Professional Services contract committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, reviewed this Board item on July 29, 2008, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as this agency has specific expertise providing services to hard-to-reach youth ages 14-18 residing in Miami-Dade County. A request for Proposals (RFP) was not initiated due to short turn over time between the grant award and the termination date (May 2008 through August 14, 2008).

R
e
v
i
s
e
d

**REVISED
C-4**

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Cuban American National Council, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000 to service 50 refugee students ages 14-18 in order to meet grant deliverables; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021, based on the provider's specific expertise in offering specialized educational services for refugee/immigrant students.

AD/CBM/JHU:Imm