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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, LINDA RAY INTERVENTION CENTER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) EARLY STEPS, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI MAILMAN CENTER AND MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR A MAXIMUM OF 60 COCAINE-EXPOSED SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS, BIRTH THROUGH AGE TWO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$544,256, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE 2009-2010 DISTRICT BUDGET

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center, Department of Health-Children's Medical Services (CMS) Early Steps, University of Miami Mailman Center and Miami Children's Hospital to provide educational services for a maximum of 60 cocaine-exposed special education students, birth through age two.

The University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center, provides the facility, instructional personnel, appropriate related services, materials, supplies, assessment and placement of children, supervision of staff, administrative support, and security for the program. Additionally, it is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the program. The Early Steps programs or their designee, provide initial assessments, case management and Part C funding. Part C funding may be used for a range of services including, but not limited to: nursing, therapy, home visits, social work service, family training, assistive technology, and staff assistance with the identification and placement of eligible children.

Funding for this contract will be generated by 80% of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) based on the level of services needed for each child listed in their Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP). The remaining 20% of the FTE will cover ancillary services/costs.

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Facility reviews, site visits, and monitoring children's records and program delivery models by District staff found the program to be effective in providing early intervention services and to be in compliance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

Contingent upon approval of the 2009-2010 District Budget, the appropriation for this item will be included under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center, Department of Health-Children's Medical Services (CMS) Early Steps, University of Miami Mailman Center and Miami Children's Hospital, to provide educational services for a maximum of 60 cocaine-exposed special education students, birth through age two, in an amount not to exceed \$544,256, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, contingent upon approval of the 2009-2010 District Budget; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.02, based upon selection procedures that are provided by State Statute, State Board Rule or other School Board Rule.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2009, contingent upon approval of the 2009-2010 District Budget.

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