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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH FOUR COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$633,141, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE 2011-2012 DISTRICT BUDGET

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into contractual agreements with four community agencies that have specific expertise in providing educational and vocational training services to a unique population of students with disabilities (SWD) which includes: autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disabilities, and emotional/behavioral disabilities.

This unique population of SWD will receive educational and vocational training in an age-appropriate environment to include, but not limited to, classroom instruction, on-the-job-training, job coaching services, job placement assistance, community-based instruction, and post-school living skills. Students are provided with a variety of employability skills and training including packaging, sorting, collating, assembly skills, basic clerical skills, and culinary skills in a workshop environment.

Funding for services provided by each community agency is delineated below:

Agency	# of Students	Funding Amount
Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (Easter Seals-Culinary Arts)	A maximum of 24 students between the ages of 16-22	In an amount not to exceed \$225,374
Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida (EDC)	A maximum of 24 students between the ages of 18-22	In an amount not to exceed \$166,697

Agency	# of Students	Funding Amount
Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., (Goodwill)	A maximum of 24 students between the ages of 18-22	In an amount not to exceed \$201,286
Sunrise Community, Inc., (Sunrise-Doral)	A maximum of 5 students between the ages of 18-22	In an amount not to exceed \$39,784.

These programs are evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Special Education. The evaluations, including facility reviews, site visits, monitoring student records and program delivery models, found these programs to be effective in providing educational and vocational services and to be in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, Professional Services Contracts, reviewed these contracts on May 26, 2011, and recommended that an exception to the School Board Rule regarding bids or Request for Proposals (RFP) be granted, as these agencies have specific expertise in providing educational and vocational training services.

Funding for these services will be generated by 75% of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) based on the students' current Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and their current matrix funding levels, effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. The remaining 25% of the FTE will cover ancillary costs.

The appropriation for this Item will be included in the General Fund of the 2011-2012 Tentative Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6840, Object 5310, Location 9731 to be recommended for adoption in July 2011, contingent upon the approval of the 2011-2012 District Budget.

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

1. enter into contractual agreements with four community agencies to provide educational and vocational training services to students with disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$633,141, effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, contingent upon approval of the 2011-2012 District Budget with:
 - Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., (Easter Seals – Culinary Arts), in an amount not to exceed \$225,374;
 - Exceptional Development Corporation of South Florida (EDC), in an amount not to exceed \$166,697;
 - Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., (Goodwill), in an amount not to exceed \$201,286;
 - Sunrise Community, Inc., (Sunrise - Doral), in an amount not to exceed \$39,784; and,
2. grant an exception to Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, as these agencies have specific expertise in this field.

The appropriation for this Item will be included in the General Fund of the 2011-2012 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2011, contingent upon approval of the 2011-2012 District Budget.

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