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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF MIAMI, INC., TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH SEVERE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$189,552 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE 2014-2015 DISTRICT BUDGET**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: EDUCATION**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., (UCP) to provide educational and related services for students with severe intellectual disabilities who have complex medical conditions that prevent enrollment in a public school setting. Students will be provided with specialized instruction, medical monitoring and related services, to include direct one-to-one specialized instruction, assistive technology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory services, and nursing services. UCP will provide services to a maximum of 12 students with severe intellectual disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$189,552. The facility is located at 16521 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165.

This program is evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Special Education. The evaluation, including a facility review, site visits, monitoring student records and program delivery models, found the program to be effective in providing educational and related services and to be in compliance with the Individuals with Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

The Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Policy 6320, reviewed this contract on May 30, 2014, and recommended that an exception to School Board Policy 6320 regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted as UCP has specific expertise in serving students with severe intellectual disabilities who have complex medical conditions.

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Funding for these services will be generated by 80% 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 during each FTE period, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The remaining 20% of the FTE will cover ancillary costs.

The appropriation for this Item will be included in the General Fund of the 2014-2015 Tentative Budget, under Fund 100000, Funds Center 1973100, Commitment Item 531000, and Functional Area 68400000-521700, to be recommended for adoption in July 2014 contingent upon approval of the 2014-2015 District Budget.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., to provide educational and related services to students with severe intellectual disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$189,552, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, contingent upon approval of the 2014-2015 District budget; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Policy 6320, based on UCP's specific expertise in serving students with severe intellectual disabilities who have complex medical conditions.

The appropriation for this Item will be included in the General Fund of the 2014 -2015 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2014, contingent upon approval of the 2014-2015 District Budget.

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