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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH GOODWILL
INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. TO PROVIDE
EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES
TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT
TO EXCEED \$204,927, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2014,
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015, CONTINGENT UPON
APPROVAL OF THE 2014-2015 DISTRICT BUDGET**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement with Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc., which has 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 will be provided with a variety of employability skills and training in a workshop environment.

Funding for services provided to a maximum of 24 students between the ages of 18-22 will be in an amount not to exceed \$204,927.

The program was evaluated by administrative and support staff from the Division of Exceptional Student Education. The evaluation, including facility reviews, site visits, monitoring student records, and program delivery models, found the program to be effective in providing educational and vocational services and to be in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requirements.

The Professional Services Contract Committee, established by School Board Policy 6320, reviewed the contract on June 26, 2014, and recommended that an exception to the School Board Policy regarding bids or Request for Proposals be granted, as the agency has specific expertise in providing educational and vocational training services.

Funding for these services will be generated by 80% of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated from the Florida Education Finance Program based on the students' current Individual Educational Plans and their current matrix funding levels during each FTE Survey Period. 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 the 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 Goodwill Industries of South Florida, Inc. to provide educational and vocational training services to students with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$204,927, effective August 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, contingent upon approval of the 2014-2015 District Budget; and
2. grant an exception pursuant to School Board Policy 6320 based on specific expertise.

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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