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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 \$181,088 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2017 DISTRICT BUDGET**

**COMMITTEE:               ACADEMICS, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

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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 1-to-1 specialized instruction, assistive technology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory services, and nursing services. UCP will provide services to a maximum of ten (10) students with severe intellectual disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$181,088. The facility is located at 16521 NW 1 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165.

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

An exception to School Board Policy 6320 regarding bids or Request for Proposals should be granted as UCP is providing health related services to support 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, 2016, through June 30, 2017. The remaining 20% of the FTE will cover ancillary costs.

The appropriation for this Item will be included in the General Fund of the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget, under Fund 100000, Funds Center 1973100, Program 68400000, Function 521700, Commitment 53100 to be recommended for adoption in July 2016 contingent upon approval of the 2016-2017 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 \$181,088, effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, contingent upon approval of the 2016-2017 District budget; and
2. grant an exception to School Board Policy 6320, based on UCP's provision of health related services to support students with severe intellectual disabilities who have complex medical conditions.

The appropriation for this Item will be included in the General Fund of the 2016 -2017 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2016, contingent upon approval of the 2016-2017 District Budget.

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