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**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH SIX COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO OPERATE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,421,961 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2020 DISTRICT BUDGET**

**COMMITTEE:           ACADEMICS,   INNOVATION,   EVALUATION   AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT:           SAFE,   HEALTHY   AND   SUPPORTIVE   LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into contractual agreements with six community agencies to provide extensive educational and/or therapeutic services to a unique population of children with disabilities which includes cocaine-exposed, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder as well as visual and hearing impairments.

Each agency will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the programs, facilities, staff assistance with the identification and placement of children, staff development training, and administrative support. In support of these services, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide assistance with the identification and placement of eligible children and monitoring to ensure compliance with applicable laws and rules.

During the 2018-2019 school year, facility reviews, site visits, and monitoring of children's records and program delivery models by District staff found the programs to be effective in providing early intervention services and to be in compliance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements.

An exception to School Board Policy 6320 regarding bids or Request for Proposals should be granted as these six community agencies are providing educational and related services to support students with significant disabilities.

Funding for each agency is based on program delivery models as outlined below:

| <b>Agency</b>   | <b># of Students</b>  | <b>Funding Amount</b>  |
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| Association for Retarded Citizens of South Florida, Inc. dba The ARC of South Florida | A maximum of 149<br>B-2 children  | in an amount not to exceed<br>\$1,482,611  |
| Easter Seals South Florida, Inc.  | A maximum of 112<br>B-2 children  | in an amount not to exceed<br>\$1,082,160  |
| Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired                                  | A maximum of 15<br>B-2 children<br>A maximum of 32 PK-ESE children<br>A maximum of 5<br>Kindergarten-ESE children | in an amount not to exceed<br>\$179,342<br>In an amount not to exceed<br>\$426,002<br>In an amount not to exceed<br>\$63,211 |
| University of Miami Debbie Institute  | A maximum of 80<br>B-2 children<br>A maximum of 35 PK-2nd grade children  | In an amount not to exceed<br>\$664,090<br>In an amount not to exceed<br>\$496,395   |
| University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center/Department of Psychology           | A maximum of 60<br>B-2 children   | In an amount not to exceed<br>\$428,109  |
| United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., dba United Community Options, Inc.  | A maximum of 51<br>B-2 children<br>A maximum of 5<br>K-12 children  | in an amount not to exceed<br>\$501,733<br>in an amount not to exceed<br>\$98,308  |

Funding for these services will come from 80% of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) generated from the Florida Education Finance Program based on the level of services needed for each child listed in the Individualized Family Support Plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The remaining 20% of the FTE will cover ancillary services/costs.

The appropriation for this item for Birth-to-Two (B-2) and prekindergarten programs for children with disabilities will be included in the General Fund of the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget under Fund 100000, Funds Center 1901300, Program 68400000, Function 521700, and Commitment 531000 to be recommended for adoption in July 2019, contingent upon approval of the 2019-2020 District Budget.

The appropriation for this item for the PK-12 program for students with disabilities will be included in the General Fund of the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget under Fund 100000, Funds Center 1973100, Program 68400000, Function 521700, and Commitment 531000 to be recommended for adoption in July 2019, contingent upon approval of the 2019-2020 District Budget.

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

1. Enter into contractual agreements with six community agencies to operate programs for children with disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$5,421,961 effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, contingent upon approval of the 2019-2020 District Budget, as follows:
  - Association for Retarded Citizens of South Florida, Inc., dba The ARC of South Florida in an amount not to exceed \$1,482,611;
  - Easter Seals South Florida, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,082,160;
  - Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$668,555 (B-2 contract in an amount not to exceed \$179,342; PK-ESE in an amount not to exceed \$426,002 and Kindergarten-ESE in an amount not to exceed \$63,211);
  - University of Miami Debbie Institute, in an amount not to exceed \$1,160,485 (B-2 contract in an amount not to exceed \$664,090 and PK-2nd grade contract in an amount not to exceed \$496,395);
  - University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center/ Department of Psychology, in an amount not to exceed \$428,109;
  - United Cerebral Palsy Association of Miami, Inc., dba United Community Options, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$600,041 (B-2 contract in an amount not to exceed \$501,733 and K-12 contract in an amount not to exceed \$98,308); and
2. Utilize an exception stated within School Board Policy 6320, based on the provision of educational and health related services to support students with significant disabilities.

The appropriations for this item will be included in the General Fund of the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2019, contingent upon approval of the 2019-2020 District Budget.

Authorization is also granted to the Superintendent to make adjustments to contracted amounts based on any State changes to the Base Student Allocation.

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