

Financial Services
 Mr. Ron Y. Steiger, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PURCHASE

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

At the Board meeting of August 18, 2021, the Board voted to require a competitive bidding process for purchases of goods and services exceeding \$50,000 single and \$100,000 aggregate, when utilizing funding provided by The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and related COVID-19 federal stimulus funds. It is considered impractical to undergo a competitive process for the following:

Agency	Amount	Funding Period	Purpose
UP2US INC funded by Americorps	\$1,100,000	October 19, 2022 - August 14, 2024	The program will subsidize the cost of teacher salaries that are recruited to work with this program. The remaining funds are budgeted to be spent utilizing ESSER dollars. UP2US is the sole provider of the sports portion of the CNCS Focus Area of Education award, employing UP2US Coaches.
ACT, Inc.	\$1,073,000	October 19, 2022 – June 30, 2022	To provide several opportunities for students to take college entrance exams that also meet concordant requirements for graduation during the school day. The ACT will be administered twice. ACT, Inc. is the sole source and owner of the ACT® test, test items, scoring algorithms, reporting and research services and the sole source for all related materials.
PSAT	\$72,000	October 19, 2022 – June 30, 2022	To provide several opportunities for students to take college entrance exams that also meet concordant requirements for graduation during the school day.

SAT	\$220,000	October 19, 2022 – June 30, 2022	To provide several opportunities for students to take college entrance exams that also meet concordant requirements for graduation during the school day. The SAT will be administered twice.
NCS Pearson, Inc			To provide testing of the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test®—Third Edition examination. NCS Pearson, Inc is the sole source and copyright owner of the examination.

Fund Source

ESSER

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant the request for waiver for competitive purchase of services, during the term of the referenced funding periods, between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the noted agencies.

2. **AUTHORIZE** Procurement Management Services to enter into contracts with each of the recommended agencies. Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.