

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Recommendation of \$500,000 or Less 59-027V – Agreement with Carlton Palms Educational Center Residential Program

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has entered into an agreement with Carlton Palms Educational Center, Inc. d/b/a Bellwether Behavioral Health.

Under FAC 6A-6.0361, Contractual Agreements with Non-Public Schools, an agency can place a student in a residential placement for non-educational purposes. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is the agency that has placed student(s) at Carlton Palms. The District and Carlton Palms work collaboratively to ensure the implementation of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) has been fulfilled.

APD independently agrees to place students at Carlton Palms for non-educational purposes. The District determines if Broward students do not need residential placement for educational purposes and develops an IEP that provides an appropriate program at one (1) of the District's center schools. This contract is a multi-student agreement that outlines the District's agreement to provide for the costs associated with the provision of special education for any District student residing at Carlton Palms when APD has recommended placement for non-educational reasons. The source of the funding for the education of any District student is from the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) and is based on the matrix level for each individual District student. The agreement limits the District's financial responsibility to only those funds generated by a District student during the twelve (12) month period to end on June 30, 2019.

Historically, students in the program have been either 254 or 255 WFTE on the matrix of services. For the 2017-2018 school year, a student would generate approximately \$14,982 for a 254 matrix and \$22,330 for a 255 matrix. There is currently one (1) student contracted for placement with Carlton Palms.

The initial agreement was developed in 2010. Agreements were renewed for 2011- 2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 school years. Students are still in attendance at Carlton Palms, therefore, approval is requested for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### Financial Impact

The recommended spending authority is \$ 40,000, as demonstrated below:

<u>Monthly Spend</u>	<u>\$ 2,838</u>
<u>Term</u>	<u>12</u>
<b><u>Total Spend:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,053</u></b>

It is recommended that the spending authority be \$40,000 based upon the number of students placed in this program. The program will be supported by funds generated by Exceptional Student Learning Support, FTE.