

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (MDCC) TO PROVIDE DESIGNATED SERVICES FOR THE "TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN" (TSIC) PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO ACCEPT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$455,381 FROM MDCC, TO DEFRAY THE COST OF HIRING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAFF TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR POTENTIAL TSIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

Authorization is sought to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the District Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College (MDCC) to accept funds in the amount of \$455,381. The funds are targeted specifically to defray the cost of hiring one Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) student advocate, one mentor coordinator, and two data input specialists to provide support services to the students who are potential TSIC scholarship recipients. Funds will be used to recruit, train, place, monitor, and provide recognition for mentors for the students; monitor academic progress; provide case management for students requiring intervention; and conduct activities for students which enhance their abilities to succeed. The monies are designated to cover the total salaries of the aforementioned positions. MDCC will reimburse M-DCPS for costs incurred.

MDCC will serve as the fiscal agent for funds provided by the Florida Employment and Training Consortium (TEC) for students whose families have been on welfare or who come from low income families. TSIC has provided recipients with over \$18 million statewide and \$2 million to M-DCPS in scholarships since its inception in 1997.

No local funds are required.

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

1. enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the District Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College to provide designated services for the "Take Stock in Children" (TSIC) Partnership Program;
2. accept funds in the amount of \$455,381; and
3. allocate one student advocate position, one mentor coordinator position, and two data input specialists for the purpose of providing support services to students in the program.

No local funds are required.

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