

August 9, 2002

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT
AWARD FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT AND
TRAINING CONSORTIUM TO PROVIDE PRIMARY TEEN
PREGNANCY PREVENTION SERVICES, PROJECT CYCLE:
AUGUST 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

The South Florida Employment and Training Consortium (SFETC), the administrative entity of the South Florida Workforce Board, provides funding as mandated in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The SFETC is a not-for-profit organization, which provides opportunities for self-sufficiency among families in need in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. The Executive Director of SFETC is Ms. Edith Humes-Newbold. The Executive Director of the South Florida Workforce Board is Ms. Harriet Spivak.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award to continue providing the Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) Curriculum to fifth and sixth grade students and their parents in selected elementary and middle schools. Schools will be prioritized for program participation by using local indicators for the number of births to teens by zip code in schools within the six regions. The PSI curriculum is a required part of the Welfare Reform Legislation. It is the abstinence-based direct instructional component of the Education Now and Babies Later (ENABL) Initiative cited in Section 411.242, F.S. It is estimated that approximately 9,100 students were served during the 2001-2002 school year.

Funds, in the amount of \$300,000, will cover salaries, contracted services, staff travel, materials, supplies and equipment.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 11, 2002. The budget period for this grant allows for reimbursement of expenditures from August 1, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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RECOMMENDED:

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

1. accept a grant award from the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium, in the amount of \$300,000, to provide Primary Teen Pregnancy Prevention Services, Project Cycle: August 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend this grant award, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant and thus complete the scope of the project; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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