

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CRUISE INDUSTRY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AND THE FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 25 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000**

**COMMITTEE:       ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Authorization is sought to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation and the Florida Prepaid College Foundation for the implementation of a scholarship program for 25 students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Funds in the amount of \$100,000 have been contributed by the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation to the Florida Prepaid College Foundation to purchase prepaid college contracts for students in the Little Havana and Liberty City communities. The identified schools in these communities are Citrus Grove and Brownsville Middle Schools. M-DCPS staff will identify the students and monitor their academic achievement and behavior to assist them in accessing the scholarships upon graduation.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation and the Florida Prepaid College Foundation for the implementation of a scholarship program for 25 Miami-Dade County Public Schools students, in the amount of \$100,000.

No local funds are required.

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# MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING

between

**The Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation/Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

and

**The Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Inc.**

The Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation, Inc., ("Donor") hereby establishes a commitment to contribute \$100,000.00 to the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Inc. The gift was provided in total on May 15, 2002.

It is the intent of the Donor that this gift be combined with matching funds pursuant to s. 240.552, Florida Statutes, and combined funds be used to purchase, on behalf of the Donor, 25 ("2+2") tuition and local fee Prepaid College contracts for students attending Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the Little Havana and Liberty City communities of Miami.

1. **RECOGNITION.** The Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation shall be recognized as the Donor to the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"). The Foundation shall maintain a permanent and appropriate record of all contributions at the Foundation's offices.

2. **PURPOSE.** The Donors are providing this contribution to fund Prepaid contract scholarships for economically disadvantaged, at-risk students attending Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the Little Havana and Liberty City communities of Miami. The purpose of this donation is to provide the students with an incentive to redirect their lives and to enhance their career goals.

3. **CONTRIBUTIONS.** All contributions received shall be administered in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Foundation.

4. The Donor agrees that the Foundation may release information about this gift to the media.

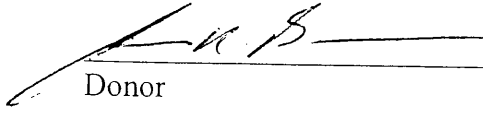
5. The Foundation agrees to accept all contributions made in the name of the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation/Miami-Dade County Public Schools and to administer such contributions in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

6.A. Beneficiaries shall be selected from among 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students attending Miami-Dade County Public Schools in the Little Havana and Liberty City communities of Miami and will be required to meet all established academic requirements outlined by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, prior to receiving the Foundation scholarship. As required by s. 240.552, Florida Statutes, the beneficiaries must remain “drug-free” and “crime-free,” as those terms are defined in s. 240.552, Florida Statutes.

B. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has agreed to administer and implement the scholarship program under their *Take Stock in Children* program model, in cooperation with the Foundation, and to select the students who will be the beneficiaries of the scholarships. After the students are selected, Miami-Dade Public Schools will notify the Foundation and the Donor.

C. The Donor will participate in a presentation ceremony for the student beneficiaries after selection of the beneficiaries. In addition, upon graduation of the beneficiaries from high school, the Donor will participate in a scholarship presentation ceremony with the students who have successfully met all established requirements. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will notify the Donor of the dates and times for these presentations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals.

  
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Donor  
Jim Border, Chairman  
Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation

8/6/02  
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Merrett Stierheim, Superintendent  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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Date

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Thomas J. Wallace, Executive Director  
Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Inc.

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Date