

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO TWO MEMORANDA 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 TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$228,447 FROM MDCC, TO DEFRAY THE COST OF HIRING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS) STAFF TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR POTENTIAL TSIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, EFFECTIVE FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

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

Authorization is sought to enter into two Memoranda of Agreement with the District Board of Trustees of MDCC to accept funds in the amounts of \$168,550 and \$59,897 for a total of \$228,447. The first Memorandum of Agreement provides \$168,550 in reimbursement for the costs of one student advocate, one mentor coordinator, and two data input specialists. These M-DCPS employees provided support services to the students who were potential TSIC scholarship recipients during the 2001-2002 school year. This agreement covered the period from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. This staff was 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.

For the 2002-2003 school year, The Take Stock in Children Foundation has determined that the mentor coordination and data management functions be relocated to Miami-Dade Community College. The second Memorandum of Agreement will provide \$59,897 to defray the cost of one student advocate. The second agreement covers the period from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

MDCC will serve as the fiscal agent for funds provided by South Florida Workforce Development for students whose families have been on welfare or who come from low income families. TSIC provides graduates with prepaid scholarships. This program has been in effect since 1996.

No local funds are required.

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

1. enter into two Memoranda of Agreement with the District Board of Trustees of Miami-Dade Community College to provide designated services for the Take Stock in Children Partnership Program; effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003;
2. accept funds in the total amount of \$228,447; and
3. allocate one student advocate position for the purpose of providing support services to students in the program.

No local funds are required.

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