

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT
TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE
WOMEN OF TOMORROW PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GROUP
MENTORING SERVICES TO SELECTED FEMALE SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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

Authorization is sought to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Women of Tomorrow Program to provide group mentoring services to selected female senior high school students. Mentoring is provided by distinguished professional women dedicated to improving the self-esteem and future adult life of teenage girls by sharing their personal experiences and assisting the students in setting goals for themselves. A full time career specialist is assigned to this program.

Staff at each senior high school will initially select approximately thirty female students in grades nine and ten who would benefit from participation in the program. Scholarships are available to students upon graduation.

The Women of Tomorrow Program was founded and is headed by Ms. Jennifer Valoppi, WTVJ, NBC6.

There is no exchange of funds.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Women of Tomorrow Program for the implementation of the program for Miami-Dade County Public Schools female students.

There is no exchange of funds.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the School Board), whose address is 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132 and Women of Tomorrow, Inc., (WOT) whose address is 15000 S. W. 27 Street, Miramar, Florida 33027 have entered into this agreement on this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Women of Tomorrow, Inc. (WOT) provides a program founded and headed by WTVJ Channel 6 anchor Jennifer Valoppi, and Don Browne, President and General Manager of WTVJ, NBC6 in which a group of distinguished professional women in South Florida serve as mentors to improve the self-esteem and future adult lives of teenage girls in the area. The mentors are themselves successful in their respective careers.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WOT will be responsible for recruiting mentors into the program, arranging for training for the mentors and securing their commitment to meet with clusters of 10 to 15 students for a minimum of one hour a month.

The School Board will be responsible for securing participation by the senior high schools, selecting the students to be involved in the program using criteria agreed on by WOT and providing space for the mentors to meet with students.

WOT and the School Board will work together to match mentors to appropriate school sites and student groups.

The School Board will identify a staff member at each senior high school who will serve as program contact and coordinate mentor visits with students.

WOT will provide a work space at 15000 S. W. 27 Street, Miramar, Florida for a staff member employed by the School Board to coordinate the implementation of the program.

The School Board will assign a staff member to this program to facilitate its delivery and to monitor the participation by students and school site contacts.

INDEMNIFICATION

The School Board agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend WOT, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs, expenses, and etc.

- A. By the School Board: The School Board agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend WOT, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which WOT, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by the School Board, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of the School Board, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by WOT; or the negligence of the School Board or the negligence of the School Board's agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including the School Board's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by the School Board, WOT otherwise.

- B. By WOT: WOT agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the School Board, its agents, servants and employees from any and all claims, judgments, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs and all other sums which the School Board, its agents, servants and employees may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all and every claim or demand, or assertion of liability or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the products, goods or services furnished by WOT, its agents, servants or employees; the equipment of WOT, its agents, servants or employees while such equipment is on premises owned or controlled by the School Board; or the negligence of WOT or the negligence of WOT's agents when acting within the scope of their employment, whether such claims, judgments, costs and expenses be for damages, damage to property including the School Board's property, and injury or death of any person whether employed by WOT, the School Board or otherwise.

- C. Notice of Claim: Each party indemnified under this Agreement agrees to give prompt notice to the indemnifying party of any claim for which indemnification is sought upon having actual knowledge of such claim. The failure to give notice of a claim for which indemnification is sought shall not relieve the indemnifying party of its obligations hereunder unless such failure results in a lack of actual notice of the claim on the part of the indemnifying party and further results in damage to the indemnifying party caused solely by the lack of actual notice.

- D. Defense of Claim: The indemnifying party may, at its sole expense, conduct the defense of any claim or litigation for which a duty to indemnify exists under this Agreement. The party to be indemnified may participate in said defense at its own expense.

- E. Settlement of Claims: An indemnifying party shall not consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement that does not include an unconditional release of the indemnified party and the indemnified party's stockholders, agents, employees, representatives, officers, directors, attorneys, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all liability to the claimant or plaintiff with respect to such claim or litigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and affixed their respective seal this _____ day of _____, 2002.

Don Browne, President and General Manager of WTVJ, NBC6
 Women of Tomorrow, Inc
 Jennifer Valoppi, WTVJ, NBC6 Anchor
 Women of Tomorrow, Inc

WITNESSED:

_____	By:_____
_____	Name:_____
Print Name:_____	Title:_____

(SEAL)

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Date: _____