

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD  
THROUGH A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH  
FLORIDA WORKFORCE FOR FUNDING THE EDUCATION:  
PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE PROJECT**

The South Florida Workforce (SFW), in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Office of Adult/Vocational, Alternative, and Community Education, was awarded \$425,000 from Workforce Florida, Inc., to enhance the Stay-in-School Program and to expand educational opportunities and resources for 200 at-risk students in the district's four lowest-performing high schools. The Project, entitled Education: Pathways to Independence, will benefit students enrolled at Miami Edison, Miami Jackson, Miami Northwestern, and Booker T. Washington Senior High Schools.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with South Florida Workforce to receive funding during the contract period from September 11, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Ms. Harriet Spivak is the Executive Director of the South Florida Workforce.

Students participating in the Education: Pathways to Independence Project will attend afternoon vocational training classes in selected career-specific, high-demand employment fields at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center (LHTEC). The Project will support students with transportation to and from LHTEC and their home schools, academic remediation and support services, vocational student mentors, and paid internships in their training/career area.

Grant funds, in the amount of \$425,000, will provide for part-time personnel, internships, student uniforms, incentives, and other purchased services.

The district has committed \$75,000 in student transportation funds that have been allocated to the Stay-in-School Program. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Tentative Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 7800, Program 9722, Object 5332, Location 9721.

**GOOD CAUSE  
B-73**

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda because notification that the grant has been awarded by Workforce Florida, Inc., was received on September 2, 2003, which was after the deadline for the Board Agenda process. Board approval at this time will enable the school district to receive these grant funds through a contractual agreement and to expend the funds within the grant period.

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

1. accept a grant award through a contractual agreement with South Florida Workforce for funding the Education: Pathways to Independence Project in the amount of \$425,000 for the grant period effective September 11, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
2. approve the allocation of \$75,000 in student transportation funds for the Stay-in-School Program. The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Tentative Adopted Budget;
3. extend this program and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC:th

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes  No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Pathways to Independence

Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning September 11, 2003 Ending June 30, 2004  
(Date) (Date)

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FUNCTION		Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES .....	5000								
SUPPORT SERVICES:									
Pupil Personnel Services .....	6100	425,000	325,841	18,159	20,000		41,000		20,000
Instructional Media Services .....	6200								
Instruction & Curriculum Development .....	6300								
Instructional Staff Training .....	6400								
Board of Education .....	7100								
General Administration .....	7200	*							*
School Administration .....	7300								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction .....	7400								
Fiscal Services .....	7500								
Food Services .....	7600								
Central Services .....	7700								
Transportation Services .....	7800								
Operation of Plant .....	7900								
Maintenance of Plant .....	8100								
Community Services .....	9100								
Debt .....	9200								
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		<b>425,000</b>	<b>325,841</b>	<b>18,159</b>	<b>20,000</b>		<b>41,000</b>		<b>20,000</b>

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
Division of Budget

Agenda Item B-73 Board Meeting of September 10, 2003  
(Number) (Date)