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**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE (MDC) TO PROVIDE DESIGNATED SERVICES FOR THE TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN (TSIC) MIAMI DADE COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND TO ACCEPT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,188, TO PROVIDE STUDENT ADVOCACY FOR TSIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2004, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2005**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Superintendent seeks to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Miami Dade College (MDC) to accept funds in the amount of \$96,188. The funds will be used to support two Curriculum Support Specialist (CSS) positions to serve as Take Stock in Children (TSIC) advocates. These advocates will monitor academic progress, provide case management for students requiring intervention, keep parents informed and conduct skill-building activities for students. Funding is through the TSIC Foundation, under fiscal management of MDC.

The \$96,188 will cover the base salary of the student advocates. M-DCPS will provide \$28,924 in fringe and health benefits. The appropriation for this item is included in the 2004-2005 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6120, Program 9298, Object 5210, and Location 9619.

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

1. enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Miami Dade College (MDC) to provide designated services for the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Miami Dade College Partnership Program, effective August 16, 2004, through August 31, 2005;
2. accept funds in the total amount of \$96,188; and
3. allocate two Curriculum Support Specialist (CSS) positions to serve as Take Stock in Children (TSIC) advocates.

The cost to the District to provide fringe and health benefits is \$28,924. The appropriation for this item is included in the 2004-2005 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6120, Program 9298, Object 5210, and Location 9619.

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