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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CRUISE INDUSTRY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AND THE FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC., FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 10 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation and the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Inc., for the implementation of a scholarship program for 10 students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Funds in the amount of \$50,000, have been contributed by the Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation to the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, Inc., to purchase prepaid college contracts for students in two middle schools.

The identified schools are Campbell Drive Middle and Miami Edison Middle schools. The schools were selected due to their geographic diversity and participation in the School Improvement Zone (SIZ). In addition, they are feeder pattern schools for two high schools (Miami Edison Senior and Homestead Senior High schools), which are in the SIZ and also included in the Superintendent's Corrective Action Plan. School site student services personnel and administrative staff will identify the students based on the criteria consistent with the original program that is based on the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program. The criteria include low family income, a grade point average of 2.0 and above, and crime-free conduct. School staff will monitor the students' academic achievement and behavior to assist them in accessing the scholarships upon graduation. The 10 selected students are not required to work in the tourism industry prior to or after graduation.

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, Inc., for the implementation of a scholarship program for 10 Miami-Dade County Public Schools students.

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