

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH MIAMI DADE COLLEGE (MDC) TO PROVIDE DESIGNATED SERVICES FOR THE TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN (TSIC) MENTORING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND TO ACCEPT FUNDS TO PROVIDE A FULL-TIME CURRICULUM SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, with Miami Dade College (MDC) to provide designated services for the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Mentoring Scholarship Program, which includes the recruitment and placement of mentors, monitoring of mentor/mentee matches, and the implementation of scholarship awards. Additionally, authorization is requested to accept funds in an amount not to exceed \$42,000, to support one full-time Curriculum Support Specialist (CSS) position to oversee the program, which has been in existence in the District since 1996-97. The CSS will monitor academic progress, provide case management for students requiring intervention, keep parents informed, and conduct skill-building activities for students. The Office of Community Services oversees this program.

The MOU also specifies that Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will provide funds, not to exceed \$15,000, to cover fringe benefits for the CSS position. The appropriation for this item is included in the general fund of the 2006-2007, Tentative Budget, to be recommended for adoption in August 2006, under Fund 0100, Function 6120, Program 9298, Object 5210, Work 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 (MOU), from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, with Miami Dade College (MDC) to provide designated services for the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Mentoring Scholarship Program;
2. accept funds not to exceed \$42,000; and
3. allocate one Curriculum Support Specialist for the purpose of providing support services to students in the program.

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