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**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 NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000, TO SUPPORT A FULL-TIME CURRICULUM SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: CREATE AND MAINTAIN OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, 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 matches, and the implementation of scholarship awards. Additionally, authorization is requested to accept funds 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.

During school year 2006-2007, 389 students were enrolled and served by TSIC. The number of students selected is based on funding and mentor availability, and the following criteria as established by the program:

- 2.0 or better GPA;
- parents and students must be willing to sign a contract to remain crime and drug-free; and
- parents and students must be willing to attend workshops hosted by TSIC.

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The MOU, which is attached, 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 2007-2008, Tentative Budget, to be recommended for adoption in July 2007, under Fund 0100, Work Location 9619, Function 6120, Program 9298, and Object 5210.

**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, 2007, through June 30, 2008, 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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