

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT COUNCIL OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TO CONTINUE THE STAY-IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN 12 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FROM APRIL 19, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

For a 10-year period, from 1986 through 1996, the Training and Employment Council of South Florida (TEC) has operated a Stay-in-School Program in 13 Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Designed initially with the help of three principals, it was one of the largest and most effective dropout prevention programs in the country, having served more than 10,000 at-risk youth identified by the schools as most likely to drop out. The program had a 92 percent success rate during a period in which the overall dropout rate was 29.2 percent.

Authorization was granted at the January 12, 2000, Board Meeting to re-establish this successful program. A request has been issued by TEC to continue the program from April 19, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

A copy of the cooperative agreement will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center. No local funds will be required for this project.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Training and Employment Council of South Florida, to continue the Stay-In-School Program in 12 Miami-Dade County Public Schools, from April 19, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

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