

February 25, 2002

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR THE MENTORING AND LEADERSHIP SERVICES, PROJECT CYCLE: FEBRUARY 11, 2002 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2003**

Authorization is requested to accept funds, in the amount of \$175,000, from the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium under the Workforce Investment Act - Youth Services Program, and to enter into a contractual agreement to provide mentoring and leadership services for six Stay in School sites. The funding will provide services and support for students at Miami Northwestern Senior High School, Miami Jackson Senior High School, Miami Beach Senior High School, Miami Southridge Senior High School, North Miami Senior High School and North Miami Beach Senior High School. The goal is to provide opportunities for students to interface with role models who will mentor them and provide leadership activities. Project activities will be coordinated by the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Funds, in the amount of \$175,000, will cover salary and fringe benefit costs for a full-time project coordinator, two occupational specialists, hourly personnel and supplies.

Official notification of this grant award was received on February 14, 2002, which is after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this award allows for reimbursement of expenditures from February 11, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept a grant award from and enter into a contractual agreement with the South Florida Employment and Training Consortium, in the amount of \$175,000, to receive funding for the Mentoring and Leadership Services, Project Cycle: February 11, 2002 through March 31, 2003;
2. extend this grant award and contractual agreement, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant award and thus complete the scope of the project; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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