

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of June 19, 2002

June 14, 2002

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CLOSE  
THE SOUTH DADE SKILLS CENTER, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21, 2002**

The Workforce Development Funding formula established by state legislation in 1998 continues to reduce revenues for adult and vocational education in Miami-Dade County. The budget deficit was further exacerbated by a budget reduction of approximately \$7.5 million, as a result of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy. Additionally, district revenue shortfalls have further reduced the Workforce Development fund and have made it necessary for the district to take immediate steps to reduce the 2002-2003 - adult/vocational education budget.

South Dade Skills Center (SDSC) is recommended for closure at this time to reduce the Workforce Development budget. Services currently offered by SDSC on-campus, at off-campus locations and through the Homestead Job Corps Center will be continued through South Dade Adult Center. Closure of this center will provide a cost savings of at least \$584,000 and will have a minimum impact in the delivery of educational services.

The Office of Adult/Vocational and Alternative Education is currently working in cooperation with the Department of Governmental Affairs and Land Use Policy and Acquisitions to terminate the lease agreement which provides for rental and operational cost for the South Dade Skills Center.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to close the South Dade Skills Center, effective August 21, 2002.

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