

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of December 11, 2002

December 6, 2002

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-56 OF THE  
                      SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
                      SUPPORTING CONTINUED CARL D. PERKINS ACT  
                      APPROPRIATIONS**

**COMMITTEE:       LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Legislative alerts from the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) report that the President's forthcoming budget submission to Congress may propose the elimination of funding for the Carl D. Perkins Act in order to offset a shortfall in other areas. The elimination of Carl D. Perkins Act funds would represent a dramatic cut (\$5,825,863) in the basic infrastructure of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) educational services for both K-12 and adult students.

M-DCPS' response to this grave proposal must be deliberative, timely, and effective. It must be delivered to our representatives and the federal administration in the spirit of good cause in order to provide a clear understanding of the school district's position as it relates to the present and future delivery of secondary and postsecondary vocational education programs.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-56 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting continued Carl D. Perkins Act appropriations.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 02-56  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE CARL D. PERKINS ACT APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has set a high priority on preparing both K-12 and adult students for high-skill/high-wage employment opportunities in fields such as health occupations, information technology, and other vocational/technical areas of vital interest to the community and to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is currently authorized to receive \$4.3 million in secondary and \$1.5 million in postsecondary funds from the Carl D. Perkins Act to provide for the training of students for employment in such high-skill/high-wage occupations. Further, the Board has decreed that the opportunity for entrance into such training programs will be extended to all segments of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes that the continuation of such federal assistance depends upon reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Act by the 108<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress and its signing by the President, and that failure to reauthorize this legislation would critically impact the district's ability to sustain and initiate technology-dependent secondary and postsecondary programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes that such federal assistance is necessary to purchase and replace equipment such as computers, servers, health science simulators, robotic and biotechnology equipment, and other items essential to the workforce readiness of students, and to provide staff development and curriculum support related to new technological developments and the changing needs of business and industry; and

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**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes that such federal assistance is needed to support local and state career and technical student organizations such as Future Business Leaders of America that provide leadership and mentoring experiences, competitions, and opportunities for personal and professional development;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-56 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, expressing unequivocal support for the continuation of appropriations for the Carl D. Perkins Applied Technology Act. The current delivery systems have met, are meeting, and will continue to meet the educational and economic development needs of our community; therefore, the structure of the Carl D. Perkins Act delivery system must be preserved.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this eleventh day of December, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary