

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.

Resolution No. 02-56 will be distributed to School Board members prior to the Board meeting of December 11, 2002. The resolution will outline the importance to the district of career and vocational programs that rely to a large degree on Perkins Act funding.

**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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