

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN (TSIC) FOUNDATION TO ACCEPT FUNDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$89,695, FOR THE BASE SALARY OF TWO STUDENT ADVOCATES, AND TO PROVIDE FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THESE POSITIONS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,500

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Foundation to accept funds in the amount of \$89,695, effective August 21, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The monies will fund base salaries for two Miami-Dade County Public Schools student advocates to provide support services to students who are potential TSIC scholarship recipients. The services include monitoring academic progress, providing case management for students requiring intervention, and conducting skill building activities for students which enhance their ability to succeed. The district has worked collaboratively with the TSIC Foundation since 1996.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will provide fringe benefits for these two positions, in an amount not to exceed \$26,500.

The President and CEO of the Take Stock in Children Foundation is Mr. Mike Weinstien.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 6120, Program 9298, Object 5210, Location 9721.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Take Stock in Children Foundation to accept funds in the total amount of \$89,695, for the base salaries of two student advocates, effective August 21, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. provide fringe benefits for these two positions, in an amount not to exceed \$26,500.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget.