

MEMORANDUM

August 30, 2007

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida

FROM: Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools *RFC*

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM D-9 –REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, INCORPORATED FOR EVALUATION SERVICES AND ON-THE-JOB-TRAINING SUPPORT SERVICES FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2007, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008

Staff has recommended that Agenda Item D-9 be withdrawn from the September 5, 2007, School Board Meeting Agenda. It is anticipated that this item will be brought for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact Chief Gerald L. Darling, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department at 305-754-9630.

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Attachment

cc: School Board Attorney
Superintendent's Cabinet
Commander Charles Hurley
Ms. Renee Parker

School Police and District Security
Gerald L. Darling, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH COUNSELING AND EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, INC. FOR EVALUATION SERVICES AND ON-THE-JOB-TRAINING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2007, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: CREATE A SYSTEM TO ANTICIPATE, PREPARE FOR, AND MEET THE CHANGING SECURITY NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT

During the Board Meeting of April 18, 2007, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, established a blueprint in the formation of the Education Compacts between the District and other local general purpose governments. In this instance, the City of Miami Gardens designed to bring together each organization's collective resources for the greater benefit of the students and citizens of Miami Gardens. The Board Item, A-2 was intended to educate and engage stakeholders on District initiatives and activities to promote meaningful relationships that would enrich the lives of students, promote academic achievement and enhance the safety and quality of life for the residents of the community.

With a number of existing initiatives already in place to build upon, and 26 District facilities within the city (including eighteen elementary, four middle and two high schools), Miami Gardens is considered a cornerstone within the community and possesses unlimited potential for educational opportunities. However, the outlook for a community can be imprecise and blurred when unfortunate factors such as gangs and violence intersect with order and tranquility.

The South Florida Workforce Investment Board and the City of Miami Gardens Mayor's Office awarded grants to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for funding the Youth Crime Prevention Initiative, Miami Partnership for Action in Communities Taskforce (Project MPACT), for the development of comprehensive plans to address youth gang violence and child murder.

ITEM WITHDRAWN

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The President and Founder of Counseling and Educational Consulting Inc. is James Pann, Ph.D. The organization was commissioned by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to serve as research partners for the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department Project MPACT, previously "Gang-Free Schools and Communities National Demonstration Model."

Fund Source

The appropriation for this item is through grants awarded by the South Florida Work Force Investment Board for \$100,000 and the City of Miami Gardens Mayor's Office for \$166,651. There are neither matching District funds required, nor any District contributions necessary for this item.

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

1. grant an exception to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3F-1.021 based on specific expertise;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Counseling and Educational Consulting, Inc., for preparation of evaluation methodology and design instrument, program evaluation, data collection, analyses and reporting. In addition, Counseling and Educational Consulting, Inc. will provide stipends and incentives to students who achieve academic and on-the-job-training benchmarks in accordance with the grant application, in the amount of \$153,889, for the period of September 6, 2007, through August 31, 2008; and
3. extend and amend the amount of the contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agencies in order to complete the goals of the program.