

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY

FROM: MICHAEL A. GREGO, Ed.D., SUPERINTENDENT

Please approve the following for submission for funding at the School Board Meeting of:
June 11, 2013.

B. Title of Project: Agreement with Eckerd Youth Alternative, Inc. for a Guidance
Counselor for Students in Licensed Foster Care

If this is a contractual agreement requiring bids or formal quotes, the director of
purchasing has authorized this agreement according to purchasing requirements.

___ The "**Checklist for Contractual Agreements**" form has been signed by the
Project Manager and the Director of Purchasing, and submitted to the Director of
Special Projects.

X N/A

Amount of Project: \$ 65,950.00

Status of Project:

New: Renewal: X Amendment:

If Amendment:

Additional Funds: Reduced Funds: Time Extension: Other:

Fund Source:

State: Federal: Other: Eckerd Foundation

Length of Project: 12 Months

Starting Date: 7/01/2013 Ending Date: 6/30/2014

Strategic Direction(s): Student Services

Program Description: The renewal of the agreement with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. will provide funding for a full time PCSB Guidance Counselor to advise high school students who are in licensed foster care. The foster care counselor maintains data bases to track student attendance, grades, test scores, and other data needed to ensure the students are on track to graduate. This counselor meets individually with students for career and academic advisement and to monitor progress. The counselor coordinates and shares information with appropriate stakeholders and acts as the educational point person for the students. In addition, the foster care counselor assists foster care youth in researching post-secondary opportunities.

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Rationale: Research shows students in foster care have a higher dropout rate. The additional services provided by the counselor will assist in raising the number of foster care students who graduate and move forward with a college or career plan.

Usage in other districts: Yes X No

Visits by PCS Staff: Date: Monthly Person: Andrew Weatherill

Students to be served/Target Audience: High school students in licensed foster care.

Performance Data, Research Findings, or Improvement Results: There are 67 High school students in foster care. There are 16 students in foster care working towards their GED. The Foster Care Counselor saw 50 students this year. There was one senior in care last year and she did graduate; there are currently 9 seniors in care and all are on track to graduate.

Contact Person: Andrew Weatherill, K-12 Guidance Services Specialist
Donna Sicilian, Executive Director Student Services

Grant Proposal/Contract Developer(s): Andrew Weatherill, K-12 Guidance Services Specialist
Donna Sicilian, Executive Director Student Services
Keith Philipson, Director of Educational Services, Eckerd

NO COST TO DISTRICT OPERATING FUNDS

Target Schools: All high schools

Budget

Personnel (Salaries & Fringe)	\$ 59,037.00
• Foster Care Counselor (existing)	
Materials & Supplies	\$ 50.00
Travel & Registrations	\$ 5,900.00
TOTAL	\$ 65,950.00

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