

## **BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S FY 2006 BUDGET ZEROS OUT PERKINS**

### **IMPORTANT PERKINS REAUTHORIZATION UPDATE**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

The Carl D. Perkins Act is the largest and most essential federal investment for career and technical education (CTE) programs in high schools, technical schools and community colleges throughout the nation.

If the President's proposal were enacted it would prove devastating to our high school and post secondary CTE programs. Such a cut would result in schools reducing or eliminating CTE programs and activities that enhance student achievement in our high schools, workforce education in our technical centers, and economic development in our community. At a time when America's economy is dependent upon a highly qualified and well-trained cadre of workers to meet the demands of business/industry, and when there is added emphasis on academic performance in an applied context, a reduced importance on CTE programs just does not make sense.

In FY 2003-04, Broward County Public Schools received \$3,279,444. The funds are used to enhance the instructional program that serves over 100,000 secondary and post secondary CTE students. Specifically, the funds are used to:

- Purchase and upgrade technology/equipment for enhancing workforce training
- Support high school reform
- Upgrade the academic skills of student in the areas of reading, writing, math and FCAT preparation
- Provide staff development to academic and technical education teachers, as well as other support staff and administrators
- Implement Tech Prep and career education activities
- Deliver specialized services and purchase adaptive equipment for ESE students enrolled in CTE programs of study
- Develop and deliver a highly rigorous and integrated CTE and academic curriculum
- Support students enrolled in co-curricular youth organizations, including special set aside funding for economically disadvantaged and other special population students

- Provide district, school, and in-classroom support services for CTE teachers to help increase student achievement

The goal of the Broward County School District is for every student to graduate from high school with the academic and technical skills required for success in post secondary education and for entry into a high skill/high wage job.

Progress towards the fulfillment of this goal is measured and documented through increases in:

- The attainment of academic and technical skills
- The percentage of students who complete Occupational Completion Points in CTE programs, which are established by the Florida Department of Education in collaboration with business/industry
- The percentage of students who continue their education at a technical school, community college or university
- The percentage of students who graduate high school or complete a certificate or degree program, and subsequently enter the workforce in training related occupation.