



**BCPS Vision Statement:** Educating today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world  
**Department's Mission Statement:** Ensuring superior leadership in all of our schools

**Adults With Disabilities Impact to Broward County**

The Adults With Disabilities (AWD) Programs at Seagull Alternative High School and Whispering Pines School have been historically funded by an annual state allocation administered through the District's Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE) Department. The program provides life skills training and community-based learning experiences to adult students ages 25-70. The students in the program have been diagnosed with a range of physical and cognitive disabilities. The program operates on the District's traditional 186-day student calendar. Below is a table that identifies the staffing and projected revenue for both schools.

<b>2015-16 Adults With Disabilities Projected Funding and Staffing</b>		
<b>Allocation Items</b>	<b>Seagull</b>	<b>Whispering Pines</b>
Projected State Revenue	\$229,669	\$691,742
Total Students Enrolled	100	382
Total Contract Teachers Funded	1	5
Total Contract Support Staff Funded	2	1
Total Part-time Teachers Funded	3	7

For 2015-2016 Legislature did not fund the AWD program. The financial impact of this unfunded program for 2015-2016 is in an amount of \$921,411.

Additionally, both schools submitted a funding request for next school year to cover administrative costs that exceed the necessary programmatic cost. Seagull Alternative High School has requested an additional \$124,268 and Whispering Pines School has requested an additional \$126,555 to cover all of the operational costs associated with administering the programs that have been absorbed by their respective PK-12 school budgets.

Currently, the programs are closed for the summer. It is our recommendation that the programs be funded by the District for the 2015-16 school year to allow for a transitional period for students. Questions or concerns may be directed to the individuals below:

- Dr. Valerie Wanza, Cadre Director (754-321-3818)
- Enid Valdez, CTACE Director (754-321-8401)
- Bonnie Clemon, Principal, Seagull Alternative High School (754-321-7323)
- Michael Gleason, Principal, Whispering Pines School (754-321-7657)