

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT FOR WLRN-TV FOR 1999-2000 SHARE OF THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE PROGRAMMING AND NATIONAL NETWORK INTERCONNECTION COSTS

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL: IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

More than ninety percent of the instructional and educational television programming broadcast by WLRN-TV is received from national program sources over the satellite network interconnection. The operation of the interconnection service is a function of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), which also provides a portion of WLRN-TV's programming and support services for its program promotion, engineering research, and development departments.

The cost of providing the satellite interconnection and programming services for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000, is \$239,632. The WLRN-TV share for 1998-99 was \$205,061.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999 under Fund 0100, Function 6240, Program 7010, Object 5390, Location 9606 and in the Contracted Services Fund of the Tentative Budget under Fund 0420, Function 6240, Program 3959, Object 5390, Location 9606.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the payment of \$239,632 to the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) as WLRN-TV's share of PBS programming and national network interconnection costs for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the General Fund and the Contracted Services Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.

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