

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of September 8, 1999

September 7, 1999

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR WLRN TO EXPLORE THE
FEASIBILITY OF LEASING EXCESS SPACE ON WLRN'S PROPOSED
TELEVISION/RADIO TRANSMISSION TOWER**] Revis

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

WLRN is currently planning to build a 1,020 foot transmission tower in order to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's requirement that WLRN transition to digital broadcasting.

Other stations in the market are faced with the same needs and requirements. WLRN wishes to explore the possibility that revenue could be earned for the station by allowing other stations to use excess capacity on WLRN's tower. This concept is being pursued because it offers the possibility of generating revenue which would facilitate WLRN's progress towards becoming financially self-supporting. Factors such as cost/benefit ratios of accommodating additional tenants on WLRN's tower, liability, and the impact of revenue on the tax exempt status of the financial plan for this project will be researched and determined. Pending the soundness of this concept, staff will prepare and submit a Request For Proposals to the Board.] Revis

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize WLRN to explore the feasibility of leasing excess space on WLRN's proposed television/radio transmission tower.] Revis

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