

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE LEARNING FOR LIFE CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TO PROVIDE PROGRAM SERVICES, OCTOBER 21, 1999 – JUNE 30, 2000

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- I - EARLY INTERVENTION**
- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST-SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VII - SAFE SCHOOLS**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Florida Senate Bill 2500, Specific Appropriation 104, authorizes the Commissioner of Education to award a grant designed to assist schools in implementing Learning for Life Character Education Programs provided by the Regional Councils of the Boy Scouts of America. These grants are being awarded to the following nine selected school districts: Orange, Hillsborough, Duval, Lee, Pinellas, Escambia, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, and Leon.

The three specific goals of the Learning for Life Character Education Program are:

- to improve student life skills/student achievement, with a focus on reading, writing, and critical thinking;
- to build student character, which includes the development of self-worth, self-confidence, motivation, and ethical decision-making skills; and
- to increase positive classroom behavior.

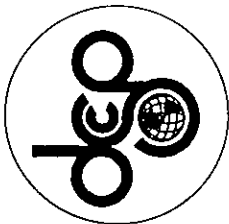
Authorization is being requested to accept a grant award in the amount of \$100,000 from the Florida Department of Education to implement the Learning for Life Character Education Program and to enter into a contractual agreement with The South Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America to provide program services. The South Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America is required to match this amount with \$25,000 in cash and \$75,000 through in-kind contributions. Participation in this program is on a voluntary basis. Approximately 5,000 students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade at interested school sites will be selected as Learning for Life Character Education Program participants.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education, in the amount of \$100,000, for funding the Learning for Life Character Education Program and enter into a contractual agreement with the South Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to provide program services, October 21, 1999 – June 30, 2000; and
2. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Yes No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Learning for Life Character Education Program

Grant Period Beginning October 21, 1999 Ending June 30, 2000
(Date) (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training.....	6400							
Board of Education.....	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services.....	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services.....	7700	6,000			6,000			
Transportation Services.....	7800							
Operation of Plant.....	7900							
Maintenance of Plant.....	8100	94,000			94,000			
Community Services	9100							
Debt.....	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	100,000							

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By [Signature]
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-8 Board Meeting of October 20, 1999
(Number) (Date)