

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER MIAMI, INC., FOR FUNDING THE ACHIEVEMENT MATTERS PROJECT, DECEMBER 9, 1999 – JUNE 30, 2000**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: I - EARLY INTERVENTION  
III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS  
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/  
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

At the June 23, 1999 School Board meeting, the Title VI Innovative Education Program Strategies Grant was accepted in the amount of \$2,929,056. Included in the award was \$22,000 to fund the Urban League of Greater Miami, Inc.'s, Achievement Matters Project. The purpose of the project is to provide tutoring and affect positive change in reading and in the performance of low performing students in the Liberty City community. This is an organized effort to "Close the Achievement Gap" through community/home/parent/business partnerships. During the 1998-1999 school year, this project was funded in the amount of \$43,114. The decrease in the funding for this project is based upon the redesign of Title VI program priorities.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with the Urban League of Greater Miami, Inc., in the amount of \$22,000, for funding the Achievement Matters Project, December 9, 1999 – June 30, 2000.

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