

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CONFIRM THE RENEWAL OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COUNTYWIDE EDUCATIONAL CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES, OCTOBER 1, 1999 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

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

The School Board authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County to deliver technical and programming support for the operation of countywide educational cable television services. The project, which is funded from cable license fees, provides programming and/or technical support for the operation of two educational channels that reach over 400,000 cable subscribers. Over 770 Miami-Dade County governmental, educational, and non-profit organizations have taken part in cable programming as producers or participants.

Miami-Dade County has indicated a desire to renew the contractual agreement for an additional year, October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000. Funding authorized for 1999-2000 is estimated at approximately \$522,000, based on the type, quantity, and cost of the services to be provided. The amount recommended for funding was not identified by the Miami-Dade County Consumer Protection Division until October 21, 1999. The contractual agreement will provide for cancellation by either party with 90 days prior written notice.

Additional support for the project is provided through grants received from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Florida Department of Education.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, confirm the renewal of a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, in the estimated amount of \$522,000, to continue to provide countywide educational cable television services from October 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000, with the provision that the agreement may be cancelled by either party with 90 days prior written notice.