

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-32 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2000 AS NATIONAL COMPUTER LEARNING MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 2000 is National Computer Learning Month. The purpose of National Computer Learning Month is to focus citizens' attention on the important role computers, software, and other technologies play in the way teachers teach and the way students learn. Computer Learning Month is also a time to explore new ways of using technology, to learn about new technology products, and to share knowledge with others in the community. Several events are planned during the month to assist teachers as they infuse technology into their curriculum and prepare students to work in the 21st century by using computers and other electronic resources.

The Division of Instructional Technology and Media Support Services will begin a series of workshops designed to assist teachers in integrating technology into the curriculum. Of particular interest are workshops highlighting the resources available through Miami-Dade County Public Schools' new teaching and learning portal *dadeschools.net*. The Learning Village, Instructional Planner, and CyberSTAR, a web-based testing system will also be featured.

The Computer Learning Foundation hosts merit competitions and sweepstakes that result in thousands of dollars worth of technology products being awarded to winning schools. The competitions are designed to be easily integrated as classroom activities and focused on important topics related to technology. They involve student research, creativity, and communication. This year, The Computer Learning Foundation is encouraging educators to share their ideas with other teachers through the creation of Desktop Movies and Web pages. They will also launch two new competitions: "The Computer Teacher Hall of Fame," which honors an educator who has taught other teachers how to use technology, and a lesson plan contest for educators to show how Desktop Movies can be integrated into the curriculum.

While technology is impacting all of our lives, becoming cognizant of the technologies and how to effectively use them challenges all teachers and learners. Computer Learning Month provides the opportunity to focus attention on the importance of technology as an effective classroom tool.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-32 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming the month of October 2000 as National Computer Learning Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

BAS:sd

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WHEREAS, the quest for knowledge by school students is stimulated and developed through the use of technological resources and services provided by instructional technology programs; and

WHEREAS, instructional technology programs provide access to a wide variety of necessary educational materials such as computer software and information databases, as well as Internet resources; and

WHEREAS, instructional technology programs are vital to building a nation of computer literate and independent learners; and

WHEREAS, technology offers unlimited potential to teachers and students for communication to enhance the skills necessary for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that special recognition be given to instructional technology programs and the role of technology in education throughout the state and the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-32 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming the month of October 2000 as National Computer Learning Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this 11th day of October, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary