

October 31, 2000

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT  
TO ACCEPT 50 NEW GATEWAY COMPUTERS FROM  
QUEPASA.COM FOR USE AT PALM SPRINGS NORTH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Quepasa.com is an Internet portal and online-community focused on the Hispanic population of the United States. It provides users with information and interactive content in both English and Spanish. The month of September was designated as Hispanic Internet Month and, as such, quepasa.com is demonstrating its support for Miami-Dade County's large Hispanic community by donating 50 new Gateway computers to Palm Springs North Elementary School.

The donation also marks quepasa.com's effort to empower children to shape their own destiny through education and information. Educational use of the Internet broadens and deepens students' knowledge and academic achievement.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept 50 new Gateway computers from quepasa.com for use at Palm Springs North Elementary School.

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