

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 PREKINDERGARTEN/KINDERGARTEN READING PROGRAM, AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ELECTRONIC EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT THE WATERFORD EARLY READING PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

The Florida Department of Education, under the General Appropriations Act, provides funds to develop a pilot program to improve skills for students in prekindergarten and kindergarten.

Funds provided by this grant will allow for the implementation of the Waterford Early Reading Program in four level 2 schools. This program model is one strategy that is used to enhance and accelerate language acquisition and reading skills for young children. The project is also designed as a pilot to support a larger infusion of technology-based instruction throughout the district's low performing schools and will be evaluated for future replication.

Funds in the amount of \$425,000 will serve prekindergarten and kindergarten students in the following elementary schools: Kinloch Park, Laura C. Saunders, South Hialeah, and Mae M. Walters. The aforementioned schools are also participants in the Emergency Immigrant Education Program, and demonstrated a need to increase the availability of this research-based program to more prekindergarten and kindergarten students.

Authorization is being requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Electronic Education, at a cost not to exceed \$403,410, to implement the Waterford Early Reading Program. The remaining funds will be used to purchase supplies, equipment and substitutes.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on September 5, 2000, which is after the effective start date of the grant. The grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2000.

No local funds are required.

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 \$425,000, for funding the Prekindergarten/Kindergarten Reading Program, and enter into a contractual agreement with Electronic Education, in an amount not to exceed \$403,410, to implement the Waterford Early Reading Program, effective as of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001;
2. extend this grant award and contractual agreement, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to complete the scope of the project; and
3. 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?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Prekindergarten/Kindergarten Reading Program Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2000 Ending July 30, 2001
(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					19,575		
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	1,800	215	403,410				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	425,000	1,800	215	403,410		19,575		

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By [Signature]
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-2 Board Meeting of November 15, 2000
(Number) (Date)