

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 UNDER THE DIRECT INSTRUCTION READING CURRICULUM GRANT PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has received a grant award in the amount of \$2,324,903 to improve the reading proficiency of students in kindergarten through grade three. The students were enrolled in schools that were designated Level 1 or 2 on the June 2000 Accountability Report.

The program will implement the Direct Instruction (DI) curriculum that was developed by Dr. Siegfried Engelmann and his colleagues at the University of Oregon. The research that documents the potential effectiveness of the DI model spans a period of three decades and includes studies conducted with at-risk students, English-language learners, and students in special education.

The objectives of the grant are:

- to increase reading performance to grade level standards or above for students in kindergarten through grade three, in the seven Level 2 schools currently implementing Direct Instruction; and
- identify 15 additional Level 1 or 2 schools that will adopt and implement the DI reading curriculum in grades K and one, and with non-readers in grades two and three.

The first group of elementary schools that will participate in this grant are: Auburndale, Citrus Grove, Norland, North Glade, Parkview, Parkway, and South Hialeah.

Official notification relative to this grant was received on October 11, 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.

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**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 \$2,324,903, for funding under the Direct Instruction Reading Curriculum Grant Program, effective as of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001;
2. extend this grant award, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if it is deemed necessary in order to complete the scope of the project; and
3. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amount approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Yes  No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant  Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Direct Instruction Reading Curriculum Grant

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2000 Ending June 30, 2001 (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	1,260,000				1,260,000		
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100	434,130	69,744					
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	630,773	11,968	556,273				
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		2,324,903	81,712	556,273		1,260,000		

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-3 Board Meeting of November 15, 2000 (Date)