

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION THROUGH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE FLORIDA LEADERS.NET PROJECT; PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2001**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE), in collaboration with the Miami-Museum of Science, applied for a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to implement the Florida Leaders.net Project (FLN). The goal of the project is to enhance the existing leadership and technology initiatives to ensure that every superintendent and principal statewide has access to quality leadership development training.

The FDOE will utilize the Florida Technology Trainer Enhancement Center at the Miami Museum of Science as the prime contractor for FLN. The Florida Technology Trainer Enhancement Center will work collaboratively with the Florida Association of District School Superintendents and the six Area Centers for Educational Enhancement (ACEE) to deliver a comprehensive leadership program for superintendents and principals throughout the state. The Miami Museum of Science will oversee the work of a third-party evaluator, the Center for Children and Technology, which will conduct formative and summative evaluations of all project activities.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, in its capacity as the fiscal agent for the ACEE, Region VI, is being awarded an amount of \$81,507 to pay for one part-time regional coordinator and ten part-time mentors. The regional coordinator will work with all six Area Centers for Educational Enhancement, will be responsible for scheduling and promoting regional institutes, will coordinate the activity of leadership mentors, and will provide on-line follow-up coaching to superintendents and principals attending the institutes. Mentors will provide principals attending the Florida Leaders.net Professional Development Institutes with one-to-one mentoring, as well as, hands-on support at the school-site level for the implementation of technology and professional development plans.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on December 13, 2000. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from October 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 funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, through the Florida Department of Education, in the amount of \$81,507, for funding the Florida Leaders.net Project; Project Cycle: October 1, 2000 through September 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 deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant award and thus 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

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

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Florida Leaders.net Project

Grant Period Beginning 10/1/2000 Ending 9/30/2001  
 (Date) (Date)

Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

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								
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training			13,095					
Board of Education	81,507	68,412						
General Administration	*							
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>81,507</b>	<b>68,412</b>	<b>13,095</b>					

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

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Reviewed By  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-3 Board Meeting of January 17, 2001  
 (Number) (Date)