

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 TITLE VI – CLASS-SIZE REDUCTION PROGRAM, IMPROVING AMERICA’S SCHOOLS ACT; PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

The purpose of the federal Class-Size Reduction Program (CSR) is to continue to improve student achievement and ensure that all children receive more individualized attention. The goal of the CSR Program is to help schools improve student achievement by adding additional highly qualified teachers to the workforce to ensure that class size, particularly in the early grades, is reduced to no more than 18 children per class.

The CSR Program is designed to complement other federal, state and local programs that have related purposes. Local Educational Agencies (LEA) must use CSR funds to supplement and not replace funds received from those state initiatives, so that the LEA can implement greater class size reductions than the LEA would have been able to accomplish under the state initiatives alone. During the 2000-2001 school year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools received \$12,392,413 under this initiative. Funds were used to reduce the teacher/student ratio to 1:18 in the 26 selected schools. The 2001-2002 allocation for the CSR Program is \$13,237,490. Funds will be used to sustain the CSR model in the 26 selected schools, and for professional development and teacher recruitment. Pending review of funding, other Level 2 schools with high concentrations of low-income students may be included in the CSR Program.

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 \$13,237,490, for funding under Title VI – Class-Size Reduction Program, Improving America’s Schools Act; Project Cycle: July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002;
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.

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: Title VI - Class-Size Reduction Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2001 Ending June 30, 2002 (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	8,840,871	2,842,229					
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	908,920	198,345	50,000		50,000	50,000	
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200							297,125*
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	13,237,490	9,749,791	3,040,574	50,000		50,000	50,000	297,125

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 297,125

Reviewed By *Maria N. Lopez*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-6 Board Meeting of June 20, 2001 (Date)