

October 10, 2001

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A PRODUCT GRANT OF 30 HANDSPRING VISOR HANDHELD COMPUTERS FROM THE HANDSPRING FOUNDATION FOR THE PROJECT UP-START HANDHELD INITIATIVE, HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM; PROJECT CYCLE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2001 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2002

The Handspring Foundation provided a product grant of 30 Handspring Visor Handheld Computers. This grant is for Project Up-Start Handheld Initiative, Homeless Children and Youth Program. Project Up-Start and the Handspring Foundation share the vision of assisting at-risk students by opening the doors to academic opportunities, removing barriers, and promoting a healthy sense of self with hope for brighter tomorrow. The handheld computers will be used by students in the after school tutorial component located at three area shelters.

Official notification was received on September 24, 2001.

Thirty handheld computers have been awarded. No monetary contributions were awarded.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent or his designee to accept a product grant of 30 handheld computers form Handspring Foundation under the Project Up-Start Program and Homeless Education.

No local funds are required.

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