

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of November 14, 2001

November 8, 2001

Financial Affairs
Richard H. Hinds, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF SUBMISSION OF A FEDERAL GRANT
APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND IDEA/
TECHNOLOGY FOR \$12 MILLION**

In late September, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) notified the District that, under Public Law 106-554, over \$53 million had been received in federal funds statewide for the purposes of funding school renovations and technology as set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Pursuant to federal requirements, FDOE provided allocation guidelines to 32 high poverty school districts and will award grants on a competitive basis to those districts whose applications were received by the November 1st, 2001 deadline. Twenty-five percent of the statewide grant funds are to be awarded for IDEA/technology activities. Miami-Dade County Public Schools' allocation guideline was set at \$12 million.

However, given the possibility that some districts may not meet the tight deadline, the District applied not only for the initial \$12 million, but also provided the state additional project needs of over \$10 million, should additional funds become available.

This agenda item is for confirmation of the submission since the District was required to meet the deadline date of November 1, 2001. The grant application represents the collaborative effort of the following areas: Budget Management, Facilities Planning and Construction, Facilities Maintenance, Instructional Technology and Media, the Office of Exceptional Student Education, and Federal Programs and Grants Administration.

Under separate cover, a copy of the grant's original usage at different district schools will be distributed to School Board Members, Office of the Recording Secretary to the School Board and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, confirm the submission of a Federal Grant Application for School Renovations and IDEA/technology for \$12 million.

**REPLACEMENT
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