

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE FLORIDA LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA PROGRAM, PROJECT CYCLE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2001 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2002**

The Florida Learn and Serve America Grant Program is funded under the Corporation for National Service. The goal of the program is to provide opportunities for students to apply academic skills to community service projects. Grant funds have been awarded, in the total amount of \$15,070, to cover field trips, transportation, substitute teacher coverage, supplies, and contracted services. The following school and district office have received funds to implement service learning activities under this grant initiative:

- Westview Elementary School - \$7,570
- Division of Community Service - \$7,500

Official notification of this grant award was received on January 25, 2002 which is after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from September 1, 2001.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, in the total amount of \$15,070, for funding the Florida Learn and Serve America Program, Project Cycle: September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2002;
2. extend these grant awards, 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 awards and thus complete the scope of the projects; and
3. direct 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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