

August 9, 2002

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A
TELEVISION COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT FOR WLRN-TV,
PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2003**

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

During the 2001-02 school year, the Florida Department of Education provided a Television Community Service Grant in the amount of \$556,591, to support day-to-day operations of WLRN-TV. The initial award was later amended to \$471,248 as a result of State budget reductions. The School Board will be eligible for a Television Community Service Grant in the amount of \$557,675 for the 2002-03 school year.

The funds provided by this grant will be used to support personnel and operations of WLRN-TV.

Official notification of this grant award was received on June 25, 2002. The budget period for this grant allows for reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2002.

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 a grant award from the Florida Department of Education, in the amount of \$557,675, for a Television Community Service Grant for WLRN-TV, Project Cycle: July 1, 2002 through August 30, 2003;
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 and thus complete the scope of the project; 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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