

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING FOR LIFE, INC. TO PROVIDE PROGRAM SERVICES; PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Conference Report on House Bill 27E Specific Appropriation 5B authorizes the Commissioner of Education to award grants to selected school districts implementing Learning for Life Character Education Programs provided by Learning for Life, Inc.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools was invited to apply for a Learning for Life grant in the amount of \$310,000.

Authorization is being requested to accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education in the amount of \$310,000 and to enter into a contractual agreement with Learning for Life, Inc. in the amount of \$310,000 to implement their Character Education Program. Participation in this program is on a voluntary basis. A maximum of 25,000 students in grades K-6 at interested school sites will be selected as Learning for Life Character Education Program participants. During the 2001-02 school years this project was funded in the amount of \$310,000.

The three specific goals of the Learning for Life Character Education Program are as follows:

- to improve student life skills/students achievement, with a focus on reading, writing, critical thinking, and career preparation;
- to build student character, which included the development of self-worth, self-confidence, motivation, and ethical decision-making skills; and
- to increase positive classroom behavior.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 26, 2002, which was after the start of the budget period. 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 \$310,000, and enter into a contractual agreement in the amount of \$310,000 with Learning for Life, Inc., to provide program services, Project Cycle: July, 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend this grant award and contractual agreement, 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. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC/DK:nt



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME LEARNING FOR LIFE INC.

Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Yes No

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement Grant/Contract

Grant Period Beginning 6/1/02 Ending 6/30/03

FUNCTION	5000	Total Budget	Salaries (51 XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES									
SUPPORT SERVICES:									
Pupil Personnel Services	6100								
Instructional Media Services	6200								
Instruction & Curriculum Development ...	6300								
Instructional Staff Training	6400								
Board of Education	7100								
General Administration	7200	*							
School Administration	7300								
Facilities Acquisition & 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	310,000			310,000				
Debt Services	9200								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		310,000			310,000				

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By Judith A Webb
 Office of Budget Management

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-69 (Number) Board Meeting of 9/12/02 (Date)

Reviewed By
 Bureau of Grants Administration