

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT
AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
COMMUNITY EDUCATION, OFFICE OF SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT TO ESTABLISH A DISTRICT SERVICE-
LEARNING INITIATIVE, PROJECT CYCLE: AUGUST 1,
2002 THROUGH JULY 31, 2003**

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to accept funds, in the amount of \$50,000, from the Florida Department of Education to design and implement a district service-learning initiative. The Florida Learn & Serve District Coordinator Initiative Grant will provide funds to initiate, improve, and sustain service-learning in district schools as a strategy to improve student performance. It will also apply the Sunshine State Standards, address community needs, and provide for student civic engagement and career exploration.

As stipulated in the grant award, the district will provide for ongoing district-wide training and technical assistance for schools to implement service-learning curriculum; seek other sources of support for service-learning projects; and expand the number and quality of service-learning projects throughout the district. Funds will be utilized for part-time hourly personnel, travel and supplies.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Bureau of Community Services will oversee the grant implementation. During the past decade, the Bureau's Intergenerational Education Programs have been heralded as a state and national model for implementing exceptional service-learning projects and are considered an ideal placement to foster this initiative. M-DCPS was one of three school districts and the only urban district selected to receive this funding.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on August 19, 2002, which is after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from August 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, Division of Public Schools and Community Education, Office of School Improvement, in the amount of \$50,000, to establish a District Service-Learning Initiative, Project Cycle: August 1, 2002 through July 31, 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 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 with such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC/LDB:ccs

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes
 No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: District Service-Learning Initiative

Grant Period Beginning August 1, 2002 Ending July 31, 2003 (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	5000							
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 Acquisitions & 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	50,000	40,528	6,472	1,000	2,000		
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	50,000	40,528	6,472	1,000		2,000		

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By Judith A Webb
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-71 Board Meeting of August 21, 2002
 (Number) (Date)