

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM PREMIER PROGRAMMING SOLUTIONS FOR FUNDING THE SOFTWARE SITE LICENSE UNDER THE BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 24, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

**COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

Miami Sunset Adult and Community Education Center has been awarded the Breaking Down Barriers to Assistive Technology grant by Premier Programming Solutions. The purpose of this grant is to introduce schools to a new cost effective approach to assistive technology and to provide access to technology for adults and high school students who otherwise would not have it. The anticipated outcomes for this project are to improve literacy and technology skills for students and their families and assistance for students in reading to meet district and State standards.

The grant entitles the school to unlimited site licenses and software for reading programs across the curriculum. The value of this grant is \$30,000.

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 from Premier Programming Solutions, valued at \$30,000, for funding the software site license under the Breaking Down Barriers to Assistive Technology Program, Project Cycle: October 24, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend this grant, 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 an appropriation in the amount approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.