

Education
Mercedes Toural, Assistant Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT
TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S REVITALIZATION
COUNCIL, FRONT PORCH INITIATIVE, AND ENTER INTO A
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE LITERACY
PROGRAM AT RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY AND COMMUNITY
SCHOOL, PROJECT CYCLE: EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003**

COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY, ADULT AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Authorization is requested to accept funds, in the amount of \$23,862, and enter into a contractual agreement with the Governor's Revitalization Council, Front Porch Initiative. The funds will be used to expand the current tutoring and literacy programs at Riverside Elementary and Community School by supplementing a reading lab, adding more tutoring classes, extending the family literacy program for an additional day per week and purchasing practice FCAT testing materials, supplemental content material and computer software for the tutoring program.

The principal of Riverside Elementary and Community School is Ms. Sharon Lopez. This program is presently offered in the Front Porch community at Riverside Elementary and Community School.

Official notification of this award was received on November 26, 2002. The budget period for this program allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2002.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda in order for the school to enter into the contractual agreement within the time frame established by the grantor to receive critically needed funds to provide the extended services for the tutoring and literacy programs.

No local funds are required.

**GOOD CAUSE
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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to accept funds, in the amount of \$23,862, from the Governor's Revitalization Council, Front Porch Initiative; and
2. enter into a contractual agreement to extend the tutoring and literacy program at Riverside Elementary and Community School, Project Cycle: July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

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