

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO RENEW A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO CONTINUE COUNTYWIDE EDUCATIONAL CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES, PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 1, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

**COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

In 1983, The Miami-Dade County School Board and Miami-Dade County (County) entered into a contractual agreement to use WLRN-TV Channel 17 production facilities and personnel to provide technical and programming support to an educational cable television service project.

Since 1983, the Miami-Dade County Cable Television Access Project (Cable-TAP) has provided broadcast production services free of charge to hundreds of non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and governmental agencies in the County. These organizations, in turn, have been able to broadcast educational and community issues to 500,000 County residents subscribing to the Learning Channel and the Community Channel.

On January 13, 1998, the County approved the contractual agreement with four renewal options, which have been exercised, extending the agreement through September 30, 2002.

In November of 2001, the County, in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), began a comprehensive review of the community cable access project. The County conducted an audit of production costs. The audit revealed that production costs exceeded the project's available funding. In addition, a legal review, based on federal guidelines, clarified that the service was solely for the use of local community non-profit organizations.

The County and M-DCPS, through its WLRN Anna Brenner Meyers Telecommunications production facility, have agreed on a new contractual agreement that revises the services that local non-profit community organizations shall receive through Cable-TAP.

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These revisions include:

1. An increase in operating funding from the County in the amount of \$185,000 (from \$522,000 to \$707,000) for the 2003 contract year ending September 30, 2003.
2. Program underwriting will not be permissible, and programs from for-profit groups and independent for-profit producers will not be part of the programming on Cable-TAP.

Studio production time for the project will be adjusted from 36 hours per week to 24 hours per week to comply with the current contractual agreement.

Funds awarded to M-DCPS under this contractual agreement will be used for personnel and supplies.

Official notification of this contractual agreement was received on December 17, 2002, which is after the effective start date of the agreement. The contractual agreement allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from October 1, 2002. The contract is in effect until September 30, 2003.

No local funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to:

1. renew a contractual agreement with Miami-Dade County, in the amount of \$707,000, to receive funding to continue countywide educational cable television services, Project Cycle: October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003; and
2. 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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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: Cable TAP

Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2002 Ending September 30, 2003  
 (Date) (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	562,521	139,479			5,000		
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							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	707,000	562,521	139,479			5,000		

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:  
 Division of Budget Agenda Item B-63 Board Meeting of January 15, 2003  
 (Number) (Date)