

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
 FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR
 FUNDING THE FLORIDA VIRTUAL ADULT LEARNING SYSTEM AT
 THE ENGLISH CENTER**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida Department of Education, through the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Local Provisions Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, awards grants to support the development of comprehensive Internet-based and/or virtual adult learning systems to build a stronger learning system for all adults in Florida.

All schools were notified of the grant opportunity. Authorization is being requested to accept a grant award in the amount of \$100,000, which will establish a Florida Virtual Adult Learning System center at The English Center.

This grant will be used to provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), and General Education Diploma (GED) exam preparation to adults locally and statewide. Emphasis is placed on collaborating with other distance education providers within the Florida Virtual Adult Learning System to deliver services to Front Porch Communities throughout the state.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be used for hourly employees, software and license upgrades, and telecommunications for Internet service.

Official notification of this grant was received on April 24, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective February 14, 2003.

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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 for funding the Florida Virtual Adult Learning System in the amount of \$100,000 at The English Center for the grant period of February 14, 2003 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended 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: Florida Virtual Adult Learning System

Grant Period Beginning February 14, 2003 Ending June 30, 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	46,090	7,361	3,000			40,000	
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	3,549*						3,549*
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	100,000	46,090	7,361	3,000			40,000	3,549

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 3,549

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-65 Board Meeting of May 14, 2003 (Date)