

Office of Human Resources
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN ADD-ON
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR READING ENDORSEMENT TO
THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
PERSONNEL SERVICES**

Authorization is requested to submit an Add-on Certification Program for Reading Endorsement to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for approval. This program will provide the opportunity for teachers who either desire further training in reading at the elementary or secondary level or desire to further their professional development by adding endorsement in reading to their portfolio. It is expected that an Add-on Certification Program for Reading Endorsement will provide the incentive as well as the opportunity for teachers to attain the competencies and the appropriate certification needed to effectively teach reading.

The Add-on Certification Program for Reading Endorsement will include required courses addressing specialization requirements specified in State Board Rule 6A-4.0292, FAC. The program curriculum includes coursework and associated experiences in the foundations of reading instruction, the diagnosis of reading disabilities, techniques of corrective or remedial reading, and the differentiation and individualization of reading instruction. The program curriculum includes the courses listed below:

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Component No.</u>	<u>MPP</u>
Foundations of Research-Based Practices in Reading	2-013-323	60
Foundations in Language and Cognition	2-013-324	60
Foundations of Assessment in Reading	2-013-325	60
Foundations and Application of Differentiated Instruction in Reading	2-013-326	60
Demonstration of Accomplishment in Reading	2-013-327	60

Master Plan Points (MPP) have been assigned to each course in accordance with the required procedures of the Miami-Dade/Monroe Teacher Education Center. Pending approval from the FDOE, these courses will be added to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Master Plan for Inservice Education, 1999-2004.

Training and Development through the Teacher Education Center, with the cooperation of the Division of Language Arts/Reading, will offer the courses. Courses provided through the district's Add-on Certification Program are funded through the Title II Teacher and Principal Quality Program grant. Consequently, no additional local funding is required for program implementation.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to submit an Add-on Certification Program for Reading Endorsement for approval by the Florida Department of Education and that courses included in the Add-on Certification Program for Reading Endorsement be included as part of the district's Master Plan for Inservice Education, 1999-2004. No additional local funds are required.

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