

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE SEQUOIA FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH-BASED READING/LANGUAGE ART MATERIALS AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT FROM MONDO PUBLISHING COMPANY VALUED AT \$75,000 TO BE USED BY LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) AND IMMIGRANT STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Sequoia Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the advancement of the arts and education. The Sequoia Foundation supports the use of classroom materials and professional development for teachers that positively impact classroom practices and literacy outcomes for all students. It also recognizes the positive impact on student achievement in schools where materials and professional development programs from Mondo Publishing Company are being utilized. To that end, the Sequoia Foundation deems the research-based materials and professional development programs from Mondo Publishing Company to be in alignment with the goals of the Foundation.

The Sequoia Foundation has demonstrated its support to Miami-Dade County Public Schools' reading/language arts/ESOL program by awarding a grant of research-based reading/language arts materials, and staff development valued at \$75,000 from Mondo Publishing Company to be used by limited English proficient (LEP) and immigrant students at elementary schools in our district. If accepted, a letter of appreciation will be sent to the donor.

The Administrator of the Sequoia Foundation is Ms. Ariana Marcoulier.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Sequoia Foundation for research-based reading/language arts materials and staff development from Mondo Publishing Company, valued at \$75,000 to be used by limited English proficient (LEP) and immigrant students.

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