

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 UNDER THE WILLIAM F. GOODLING EVEN START
FAMILY LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROJECT EXCEL**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to accept funds in the amount of \$385,000 from the Florida Department of Education to provide educational and social services for preschool children and their parents.

The William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Grant is a federally-funded program designed to enhance the educational opportunities of the nation's adults and preschool children. The principal focus of the program is to help parents become full partners in the educational process of their children.

All schools were notified of this competitive grant opportunity. Ethel Koger Beckham and Zora Neale Hurston Elementary Schools jointly developed Project EXCEL and received a grant award under the competitive grant process. The University of Florida Cooperative Extension Services partnered with the schools to provide nutrition and parent education classes to the parents of the preschool children. } Revise

Grant program activities include parent training, adult education for parents, school readiness services for children from birth to age four, medical and social service screenings and referrals, and home-based visitations. Family support services will be provided utilizing strategies which reflect the cultures of participating families.

The grant funds will be used for personnel, contracted services, travel, and supplies. Matching funds in the amount of \$159,703 are required for this program. This requirement will be met and exceeded through in-kind contributions of salaries of existing district and school site personnel who will support the program.

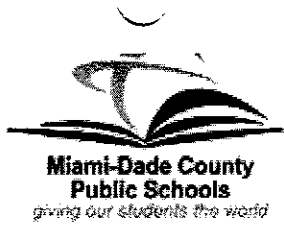
Official notification of this grant award was received on May 3, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant related expenditures is authorized effective beginning April 1, 2004.

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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 under William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Grant Program for Project EXCEL in the amount of \$385,000 for the grant period of April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004;
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.

AMC:th



BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Yes No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Project EXCEL Even Start

Grant Period Beginning April 1, 2004 Ending September 30, 2004
 (Date) (Date)

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

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							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training.....	6400	50,413	34,114	11,299	5,000			
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	334,587	221,618	76,035	9,200	15,000	12,734	
Debt.....	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	385,000	255,732	87,334	14,200		15,000	12,734	

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*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-65 Board Meeting of June 16, 2004
 (Number) (Date)