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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE)
FOR FUNDING THE LEARNING FOR LIFE CHARACTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING FOR LIFE, INC.**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Conference Report on House Bill 1835, Specific Appropriation 10, authorizes the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) to award grants to selected school districts implementing Learning for Life Character Education Programs provided by Learning for Life, Inc.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools was invited to apply for a Learning for Life grant in the amount of \$400,000.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award in the amount of \$400,000 from the FLDOE and to enter into a contractual agreement with Learning for Life, Inc., in the amount of \$400,000 to implement the Character Education Program for the grant period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The Director of Learning for Life, Inc., is Mr. Otto Goedhart.

This program and contractual agreement have been in effect for four years. During the 2003-2004 school year, this project was funded in the amount of \$158,000.

While participation in this program is voluntary, all students in grades K-12 are eligible. Learning for Life, Inc. has previously served 21 schools during the 2003-2004 school year. Learning for Life, Inc. is recommending the expansion of its program into selected D and F schools with the participation of the ACCESS Centers.

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The three specific goals of the Learning for Life Character Education Program are:

- to improve student life skills/student achievement, with a focus on reading, writing, critical thinking, and career preparation;
- to build student character, which includes the development of self-worth, self-confidence, motivation, and ethical decision-making skills; and
- to improve classroom behavior.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 will be used for contracted services. Indirect cost is not allowed.

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

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 (FLDOE) for funding the Learning for Life Character Education Program in the amount of \$400,000 for the grant period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Learning for Life, Inc., in the amount of \$400,000 for the contract period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005;
3. extend this program and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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: Learning for Life Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2004 (Date) Ending June 30, 2005 (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) |
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| INSTRUCTION SERVICES | 5000 | | | | | | | |
| 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 | * | | | | | | * |
| 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 | | | 400,000 | | | | |
| Debt | 9200 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES | 400,000 | | | 400,000 | | | | |

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *Katherine Jones*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item H-1 Board Meeting of October 20, 2004
 (Number) (Date)