

School Improvement Zone
Irving Hamer, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPT A DONATION OF BOOKS VALUED AT \$172,287.37 FROM GUMDROP PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR USE IN THE 39 SCHOOLS WITHIN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ZONE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The instructional program for the School Improvement Zone has as its core component a strong focus on literacy, from prekindergarten through grade 12. A goal of the instructional program is to foster students' appreciation for reading in order to develop lifelong learners. In support of this initiative, Gumdrop Professional Resource Center, a division of Central Programs, Inc., has made a generous offer to donate 19,500 books, valued at \$172,287.37, to the School Improvement Zone. The 39 schools within the School Improvement Zone will each receive 500 books. The books will be used to support classroom libraries, independent reading, and student research projects.

If accepted, a letter of appreciation will be sent to Gumdrop Professional Resource Center. The president of Gumdrop Professional Resource Center is Mr. Harold Fitzgerald.

No local funds are required

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$172,287.37 in books from Gumdrop Professional Resource Center for use by students within the 39 schools of the School Improvement Zone.

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