

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO
ACCEPT A DONATION OF 1,300 INTERNET SERVICE
ACCOUNTS TO BE USED BY PARENTS AND STUDENTS AT
THEIR HOMES**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

DSL*i*, a local phone service provider, has demonstrated its support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) by offering to donate 1,300 Internet dial up accounts for a period of 5 years to selected students. The students who are identified for participation to receive the free accounts would need regular telephone service.

Founded in 1995 and located in South Florida, DSL*i* offers Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), Internet, and Voice solutions for business customers. In supporting the Superintendent's goal to improve the performance of all children in all schools, DSL*i* will provide M-DCPS with 1,300 Internet dial-up connections for students' homes with a 56K dial-up access and an email account.

The internet accounts will provide parents and students with a wealth of quality resources offered over the Internet as well as the dedicated educational resources offered through the District's Educational Portal.

These accounts will be used at student's homes in conjunction with computers donated by The Education Fund, which has agreed to distribute the accounts and provide ongoing support. Currently, The Education Fund supports in excess of 2,700 active accounts. In keeping with the M-DCPS Network Security Policy, Internet access will be filtered. DSL*i* values this donation at \$1,655,975.

The Chief Executive Officer of DSL*i* is Stuart Ogilvy.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of 1,300 Internet Service accounts to be used by parents and students at their homes.

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