

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Board Member

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$50,000 FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER BARBARA JORDAN TO SUPPORT THE IMPROVEMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE AT MIAMI DOUGLAS MACARTHUR NORTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, JAN MANN OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL, COPE CENTER NORTH, AND THE 500 ROLE MODEL ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Jordan seeks to donate \$50,000 to support the efforts of selected alternative education schools to improve both the content and quality of the educational programs for at-risk students. For the first time, alternative education schools received a performance grade through the state's educational accountability system based on the March 2005 administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment and Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). As a result, eleven alternative education schools received a school performance grade of F. Many of these schools serve students whose home school is in Commission District 1, the district of Commissioner Barbara Jordan.

This donation will support the efforts of these alternative education schools to strengthen and support their capacity for school improvement and improve the learning opportunities for at-risk students. These funds will be used to provide before- and after-school tutoring, Saturday School, academic mentoring, pull-out tutoring, technology-based instruction, and supplemental reading materials at Miami Douglas MacArthur North Senior High School, Jan Mann Opportunity School, COPE Center North, and the 500 Role Model Academy of Excellence.

This item does not appear in the regularly published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published Agenda because these funds will not only help provide educational support and enhancements to targeted at-risk students prior to the March 2006 administration of the FCAT, but could become unavailable if not accepted by December 31, 2005.

**Good Cause
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent:

1. to accept a donation of \$50,000 from the Office of Miami-Dade Commissioner Barbara Jordan to support the improvement of student learning and performance of students at Miami Douglas MacArthur North Senior High School, Jan Mann Opportunity School, COPE Center North, and the 500 Role Model Academy of Excellence; and
2. to initiate all operational actions necessary to accept and utilize these funds.

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