

March 1, 2006

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACT TO PROMULGATE A NEW SCHOOL BOARD RULE THAT WOULD ESTABLISH, AMONG OTHER GUIDELINES, A MONETARY THRESHOLD FOR THE REPORTING OF GRANT AWARDS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The mission of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services is to increase funding and affect governmental policy in support of student achievement and the education initiatives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

All grants awarded to the District must be approved through an individual Board item. During fiscal year 2004-2005, grants in the total amount of \$331,914,311 were awarded, and 92 Board items were generated. To generate each Board item, a tremendous amount of human and material resources are required for the multiple reviews, revisions, and copies. In order to streamline this process and to reduce the volume of Board items on the Board agenda, it is recommended that a threshold of \$50,000 be established for grants to be reported individually to the School Board. For grants awarded in an amount less than \$50,000, a report will be transmitted to the Board on a quarterly basis. This quarterly report will include, at a minimum, the funding source, amount of the award, purpose of the grant-funded program, and the program period for which funding is awarded. Procedures are also being established to insure that all grants awarded to school sites, Regional Centers, and the District will be documented for proper notification to the School Board.

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**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Act to promulgate a new School Board Rule that would establish, among other guidelines, a monetary threshold for the reporting of grant awards to the School Board.

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