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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM
THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE
COMMUNITY HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP
(CHESP) PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Corporation for National and Community Service, Learn and Serve America School-Based Programs awards grants to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) to support Community Higher Education School Partnership (CHESP) programs. The purpose of this grant is to support the continuation and expansion of currently funded CHESP projects that engage kindergarten through post-secondary students in models of collaborative service-learning activities designed to improve student academic performance, enhance civic engagement, and provide opportunities for career exploration. Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the FLDOE in the amount of \$37,000, to fund the CHESP Program for the grant period of January 1, 2006, through August 31, 2006. The grant is managed by the Office of Community Services.

The Office of Community Services was first awarded a CHESP grant in September 2000 to implement an Intergenerational Community Studies Oral History Program. The Program involved teams of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students and teachers, in collaboration with University of Miami students and professors, in an innovative oral history program. The program captures the memories of historical events of local community elders through an interviewing and videotaping process.

Funds will be used for substitute teacher coverage, student transportation, out-of-county travel, contracted services, supplies, and printing. The required in-kind match, valued at \$37,000, is covered by the partnership match of instructors, teacher training materials, part-time salaries, substitute teacher coverage, and student transportation funds. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant award was received on February 9, 2006, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective January 1, 2006.

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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 Community/Higher Education/School Partnership (CHESP) Program in the amount of \$37,000, for the grant period of January 1, 2006, through August 31, 2006;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

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