

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of June 14, 2006

May 31, 2006

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

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED PROMULGATION OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD RULE:
 INITIAL READING 6Gx13- 3B-1.101, REPORTING OF GRANT
 AWARDS**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At its meeting on March 15, 2006, the School Board authorized the Superintendent of Schools to initiate rulemaking proceedings to promulgate a new School Board Rule establishing, among other guidelines, that grant awards of \$50,000 or above require approval by the Board through an agenda item, and grant awards less than \$50,000 be reported to the Board on a quarterly basis.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the proposed new rule.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the promulgation of new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3B-1.101, Reporting of Grant Awards.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to promulgate new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3B-1.101, Reporting of Grant Awards.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on June 14, 2006, its intention to promulgate new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3B-1.101, Reporting of Grant Awards, at its meeting of August 2, 2006.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To establish procedures for the reporting of grant awards, including the establishment of a threshold of \$50,000 for reporting grants through formal Board action.

SUMMARY: To streamline the approval process by requiring grant awards of \$50,000 and above be approved by the Board. A quarterly report will be transmitted to the School Board for grant awards less than \$50,000.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 1001.32(2); 1001.41(1) F.S

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF August 2, 2006, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541 (1) F.S., must do so in writing by July 11, 2006 to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes).

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED NEW RULE is available to the public for inspection and copying at cost in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Mr. Alberto M. Carvalho
Supervisor: Dr. Rudolph F. Crew
Date: May 31, 2006

IncomeREPORTING OF GRANT AWARDS

The purpose of securing grants for the school district is to increase funding in support of student achievement for programs that are consistent with the initiatives of the School Board. All grants awarded to the District are currently approved through formal Board action. Due to the large volume of grant applications and grant awards, and in an effort to streamline this process, only those grant awards of \$50,000 and above will require formal Board acceptance.

For grant awards under the \$50,000 threshold, a report listing those grant awards will be transmitted to the School Board by the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration on a quarterly basis. In order to compile and transmit the report, schools, Regional Centers, and District-level offices will be required to provide, at a minimum, the funding source, the amount of the grant award, the purpose of the grant-funded program, the length of time the program will be in existence, any matching funds, if required, and in-kind contributions associated with the grant-funded program.

In those instances where the grant award exceeds \$50,000, a Board Item will be submitted to the Board seeking acceptance of the grant award. The Board Item will include a description of the funding source, an overview of the program funded by the grant award, a summary of program expenditures, the source and details of any required matching funds, and a detailed description of contracts to be awarded using the grant funds. The recommendation for each grant award may be as follows:

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

- 1) accept a grant award including the funding source, grant award amount, name of program, and funding period;
- 2) retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved the Florida Department of Education; and
- 3) direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

Specific Authority: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 1001.32(2); 1001.41(1) F.S.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA