

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE HURRICANE EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN AN AFTER SCHOOL FORENSIC PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE TIGER WOODS LEARNING CENTER AND INTEL

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COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Tiger Woods Learning Center (TWLC) and the Intel Hurricane Education Leadership Project (HELP) have invited Miami-Dade County Public Schools to participate in a program developed for students to study forensic sciences. Seven public schools, the University of New Haven (UNH), Florida Virtual School, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Tandberg, the Mott Foundation, and the TWLC will collaborate on a project designed to showcase collaboration, online learning, video conferencing, and the use of technology to share results and collaborate on a problem.

The program will be coordinated with assistance from Dean Tom Johnson of the University of New Haven's, Dr. Henry Lee School of Forensic Science. The UNH currently is seen as the forefather of forensic science and currently consults with the many Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) programs currently on television and assists with forensic gaming. Each of the seven locations will receive one part of a forensics case to solve and will then use video conferencing and on line learning tools to collaborate with the other schools across the country to solve the mystery.

School Operations selected Miami-Northwestern Senior High School to participate in the nation-wide after-school forensics program because of its medical magnet program. The school will receive hardware and software configurations to be used during the academic day and for the forensics after school program.

HELP is providing the equipment for the program which is worth approximately \$55,000.00.

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No local funds are required.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation from HELP for equipment to be used in an after school forensics project sponsored by the Tiger Woods Learning Center and Intel. } Revised

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