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Office of Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A YEAR-LONG SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC YOUNG EXPLORER MAGAZINE FOR FIRST-GRADE CLASSROOMS IN SELECTED TITLE I SCHOOLS VALUED AT \$25,000

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Authorization is requested to accept a donation of a year-long subscription to the *National Geographic Young Explorer* magazine for first-grade classrooms in selected Title I schools valued at \$25,000. This donation is made possible by individual donors and National Geographic.

This donation will be at no cost to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

The *Young Explorer* magazine is specifically designed for new and beginning readers. The high-interest, age-appropriate articles and outstanding visuals capture students' interest, motivating them to improve literacy skills as they learn essential content in both science and social studies. There is no advertising in the magazine. Each student will receive seven issues in total and will be able to take home each issue after the teacher uses it in the classroom.

Every teacher whose classroom receives the student subscriptions will also receive at no cost, an eight-page Teacher's Guide and a copy of the DVD entitled, "Magazine Maker," to help students learn graphic design and desktop publishing basics. The monthly issues will be delivered directly to the teachers' attention at their school through United States mail, also at no cost to the District.

In support of this partnership, the Division of Early Childhood Programs in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction will coordinate the delivery and distribution of the magazines. A teacher survey will also be implemented at the end of the school year to evaluate the educational usage of the magazine in the classroom.

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The criterion used to determine the selected Title I schools was the schools' percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch. This information was provided by the District's Systems and Programming department.

School WL#	TITLE I SCHOOLS School Name	# OF STUDENTS	
		Free/ Reduced Lunch	First-Grade Population
0081	Lenora Braynon Smith Elementary	64	66
0101	Arcola Lake Elementary	75	80
0111	Maya Angelou Elementary	98	101
0121	Auburndale Elementary	127	138
0201	Banyan Elementary	47	63
0202	Coconut Palm K-8 Academy	127	136
0261	Bel-Aire Elementary	87	99
0311	Goulds Elementary School	110	115
0361	Biscayne Gardens Elementary	94	106
0401	Van E. Blanton Elementary	99	102
0461	Brentwood Elementary	132	147
0481	James H. Bright Elementary	95	104
0521	Broadmoor Elementary	75	78
0561	William J. Bryan Elementary	119	135
0641	Bunche Park Elementary	45	48
0661	Caribbean Elementary	134	147
0681	Carol City Elementary	105	122
0771	Dr. William A. Chapman Elementary	61	65
0801	Citrus Grove Elementary	142	159
0861	Colonial Drive Elementary	42	52
0881	Comstock Elementary	86	89
0921	Neva King Cooper Ed. Ctr.	1	2
1081	Coral Terrace Elementary	91	106
1361	Douglass, Frederick Elementary	63	69
1401	Charles R. Drew Elementary	42	46
1441	Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary	54	60
1521	Amelia Earhart Elementary	66	77
1561	Earlington Heights Elementary	90	91
1601	Edison Park Elementary	67	70
1681	Lilie C. Evans Elementary	56	59
1801	Fairlawn Elementary	78	99
1841	Flagami Elementary	68	82
2001	Florida City Elementary	103	109
2041	Benjamin Franklin Elementary	65	68
2081	Fulford Elementary	86	95
2161	Golden Glades Elementary	48	51
2241	Gratigny Elementary	124	136
2281	Greynolds Park Elementary	103	124
2321	Gulfstream Elementary	72	87

2351	Eneida Massas Hartness Elementary	80	83
2361	Hialeah Elementary	112	132
2401	Hibiscus Elementary	91	106
2501	Holmes Elementary	43	43
2531	Thena Crowder Elementary	44	44
2581	Madie Ives Elementary	79	96
2621	James W. Johnson Elementary	4	4
2761	Martin Luther King Elementary	71	74
2781	Kinloch Park Elementary	118	132
2801	Lake Stevens Elementary	42	48
2821	Lakeview Elementary	96	100
2901	Leisure City K-8 Center	148	158
2911	Linda Lentin K-8 Center	104	115
2941	Laura C. Saunders Elementary	146	150
2981	Liberty City Elementary	21	21
3021	Little River Elementary	92	96
3041	Lorah Park Elementary	59	60
3051	Toussaint L'Ouverture Elementary	68	71
3181	Melrose Elementary	96	97
3241	Miami Gardens Elementary	44	50
3301	Miami Park Elementary	73	77
3421	Marcus A. Milam K-8 Center	97	115
3431	Phyllis R. Miller Elementary	86	104
3501	Morningside Elementary	62	72
3541	Robert Russa Moton Elementary	63	67
3581	Myrtle Grove Elementay	67	78
3600	Downtown Miami Charter School	99	118
3661	Natural Bridge Elementary	86	91
3701	Norland Elementary	87	103
3781	Barbara J. Hawkins Elementary	40	43
3821	North County Elementary	64	69
3861	North Glade Elementary	57	62
3941	North Miami Elementary	80	88
3981	North Twin lakes Elementary	69	89
4001	Norwood Elementary	54	74
4021	Oak Grove Elementary	94	103
4071	Olinda Elementary	56	58
4091	Olympia Heights Elementary	79	97
4121	Dr. Robert B. Ingram Elementary	75	77
4171	Orchard Villa Elementary	78	81
4301	Parkview Elementary	49	52
4341	Parkway Elementary	63	75
4391	Irving & Beatrice Peskoe	109	119
4401	Kelsey L. Pharr Elementary	58	65
4441	Pine Lake Elementary	57	69
4461	Pine Villa Elementary	57	60
4491	Henry E. S. Reeves Elementary	113	128
4501	Poinciana Park Elementary	73	74

4541	Rainbow Park Elementary	53	58
4611	Redondo Elementary	166	187
4651	E. F. Beckford/Richmond Elementary	46	47
4681	Riverside Elementary	153	164
4761	Royal Palm Elementary	54	75
4801	G.K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary	123	139
4841	Santa Clara Elementary	101	103
4881	Scott Lake Elementary	71	89
4921	Seminole Elementary	61	84
4961	Shadowlawn Elementary	53	55
5001	Shenandoah Elementary	153	167
5061	Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary	71	93
5081	Skyway Elementary	73	83
5141	Hubert O. Sibley Elementary	117	124
5281	South Miami Heights Elementary	96	105
5431	Sweetwater Elementary	140	157
5481	Treasure Island Elementary	107	127
5521	Tropical Elementary	44	63
5561	Frances S. Tucker Elementary	43	45
5711	Mae M. Walters Elementary	98	116
5791	West Homestead Elementary	110	113
5861	Dr. Henry W. Mack/ W. Little	63	66
5901	Carrie P. Meek/Westview Elementary	71	77
5931	Phillis Wheatley Elementary	48	48
5971	Nathan B. Young Elementary	52	53
8181	Ruth Owens Kruse Ed. Center	1	1
TOTAL			10010

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of year-long subscription to the *National Geographic Young Explorer* magazine for first-grade classrooms in selected Title I schools valued at \$25,000.

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