

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ON USE OF CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY FUNDS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Florida Statute 1011.62(6)(b) allows the Miami-Dade County Public School Board flexibility to expend the funds for the following Categorical Appropriations: Supplemental Academic Instruction, Transportation, Safe Schools, Research-Based Reading Instruction and Instructional Materials.

The District is requesting flexibility in the use of funds totaling \$18,700,000. Funds in the amount of \$9,200,000 (\$4,600,000 of which are roll-forward dollars from FY 2007-08) from the Research-Based Reading Instruction Categorical Program and funds in the amount of \$9,500,000 are available in the Instructional Materials Categorical Program. These funds are currently set aside for supplies, materials and textbooks. The District will be able to certify that all instructional material purchases have been completed for the fiscal year.

The District is in the process of filling isolated textbook needs and has additionally reserved an amount of \$500,000 for any additional needs. The \$500,000 textbook reserve is not part of the \$9,500,000 list above.

The attached resolution in the format required by statute, is submitted for approval.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. adopt a Resolution to provide flexibility for the selected Categorical Programs as shown on the attached form in the amount of \$18,700,000; and
2. set up a reserve in the amount of \$9,500,000 that would be available for appropriation after March 1, 2009 when the district can certify that all instructional material requirements have been met.

School Board of Miami – Dade County, Florida
Budget Resolution

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 1011.62(6)(b), ENABLES THIS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING FLEXIBILITY TO EXPEND FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE FUNDS RECEIVED FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION, SAFE SCHOOLS, SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH-BASED READING INSTRUCTION, AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. THESE FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL BOARD SPECIFIED ACADEMIC CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 1011.62(6)(b) provides flexibility to expend selected categorical funds and approve an amendment to the school district's 2008-2009 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County has approved necessary budget amendments to balance the 2008-2009 budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board finds and declares that the funds received from the above named specific state appropriations are urgently needed to maintain Board specified academic classroom instruction.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Student Transportation funds in the amount of \$ 0
2. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Safe School funds in the amount of \$ 0
3. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Supplemental Academic Instruction funds in the amount of \$ 0
4. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Research-Based Reading Instruction funds in the amount of \$9,200,000.
5. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Instructional Materials funds in the amount of \$9,500,000, and certifies that all instructional material purchases have been complete for the fiscal year.

Total use of Categorical Flexibility Funds: \$18,700,000.

School Board Approved: