

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER TITLE I, PL 103-382, JULY 1, 1999 – JUNE 30, 2000**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST-SECONDARY EXPERIENCES  
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
VII - SAFE SCHOOLS  
VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES  
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has allocated Title I School Improvement Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for the 1999-2000 school year. The M-DCPS received funds in the amount of \$396,704 to support this project for the 1998-99 school year. For 1999-2000, \$396,102, has been awarded. Program assistance and services will be coordinated by Federal Programs and Grants Administration, Title I, and Educational Planning and will be directed toward raising student achievement at schools receiving Title I funds. Program activities will be consistent with the FDOE's School Reform and Accountability initiatives.

Under this program, the delivery of technical assistance and services will include:

- assistance in conducting effective needs assessments, developing effective School Improvement Plans, and using teaching strategies designed to address the assessed needs of students;
- support team assistance to schoolwide programs;
- integration of the Florida School Report, Sunshine State Standards including recently released Grade Level Expectations, the Curriculum Frameworks, and other relevant data in the school improvement/reform process;
- curriculum development focused on reading, mathematics, and writing,
- consultant services and support including classroom modeling of effective strategies;

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- professional development activities for principals, teachers, and paraprofessionals including training in methods to align instruction with state assessments, methods to use alternative and authentic assessments and rubrics, and methods to use the Benchmarking process; and
- training for parental involvement activities.

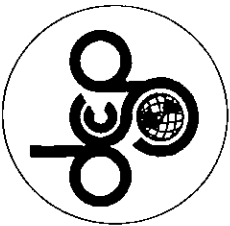
Funds in the amount of \$396,102 will be used for salaries, contracted services, supplies, printing, student transportation, travel, and equipment.

No local funds are required.

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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, in the amount of \$396,102, for funding the School Improvement Project under Title I, PL 103-382, July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000; and
2. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.



**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**BUDGET SUMMARY FORM**

Yes  No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?  
 Entitlement Grant  Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: School Improvement Project Under Title I  
 Grant Period Beginning July 1, 1999 Ending June 30, 2000  
 (Date) (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	270,000	67,217	4,600				12,504
Instructional Staff Training	6400	24,000		11,000		13,000		
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	17,781*						17,781*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>396,102</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>67,217</b>	<b>15,600</b>		<b>13,000</b>		<b>30,285</b>

\* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 17,781

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-15 Board Meeting of July 14, 1999  
 (Number) (Date)