

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT OF 1994, TITLE VIII, IMPACT AID PROGRAMS, SECTIONS 8002 AND 8003, OCTOBER 1, 2000 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

Pursuant to the provisions of Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Title VIII, Impact Aid Programs, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is reimbursed by the Federal Government for every student considered to be "federally connected." The Division of Attendance Services conducted a schoolwide survey on November 1, 1999, to identify "federally connected" students in membership on that date in the M-DCPS.

The law provides the school system with reimbursement for every student considered to be "federally connected," that is, a student who is the child of a parent or guardian who:

- is in the Uniformed Services, which includes the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Commissioned Geodetic Survey, or Public Health Service;
- is in the Uniformed Services and lives and/or works on Federal Property;
- is both an accredited foreign government official and a foreign military officer;
- is a civilian employee who lives and/or works on Federal Property;
- is a migratory worker residing in one of the following labor camps
 - a) Redland
 - b) South Dade; or
- lives in a Federally owned low-rent public housing project.

Funds received for FY99 by the M-DCPS for the Impact Aid Program were in the amount of \$157,909, based upon a student count of 4,570. The total level of assistance for the Title VIII entitlement grant is determined after all eligible entities submit an application; therefore, staff is unable to prepare a budget for this agenda item. Revenue will be placed in the General Fund, as received, with the portion generated by eligible "federally connected" exceptional students considered categorical.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept funds from the United States Department of Education, in the maximum amount allowable, for funding under the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, Title VIII, Impact Aid Programs, Sections 8002 and 8003, October 1, 2000 – September 30, 2001; and
2. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.