

Office of Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of August 23, 2000

August 11, 2000

Federal Programs and Grants Administration  
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE DIGITAL TRANSITION MATCHING GRANT FOR WLRN, EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2003**

WLRN is in the process of converting to digital as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). By May 1, 2003, the digital signal has to be on the air with a service area equivalent to the analog.

New digital equipment will be purchased, installed and become operational to comply with the FCC rules. The Florida Department of Education provides grants to support this transition process. During the 2000-2001 school year, the School Board will be eligible for a Digital Television Transition Matching Grant in the amount of \$1,392,857.

The funds provided by this grant will be used to purchase and install the transmission equipment associated with the transition of WLRN to digital service; the equipment will be professional broadcast standard and will include DTV (digital television) transmitter, DTV antenna, transmission lines, studio-transmitter link, DTV encoder and auxiliary systems to ensure being on the air by the dateline with broadcast quality parameters.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, will be reimbursed for expenditures for digital conversion up to \$1,392,857 upon submission of copies of canceled checks and invoices to the granting agency. The appropriation for the matching requirement is included in the proposed 2000-01 Budget under Fund 0390, Program 0821, Function 7400, Object 5630.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 15, 2000, which is after the effective start date of the grant. This grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2000.

**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 \$1,392,857 for the Digital Transition Matching Grant for WLRN, effective as of July 1, 2000 through August 31, 2003;
2. extend this grant award, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant award and thus complete the scope of the project; and
3. Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

The appropriation for the matching requirement is included in the proposed 2000-2001 Budget under Fund 0390, Program 0821, Function 7400, Object 5630.



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: Digital Transition Matching Grant - WLRN  
 Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2000 Ending August 31, 2003  
 (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						1,392,857	
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
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							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	1,392,857						1,392,857	

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-16 Board Meeting of August 23, 2000  
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