

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 FOR FUNDING THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER TITLE I, PL 103-382, EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2000 – JUNE 30, 2001

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has allocated Title I School Improvement Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for the 2000 - 2001 school year. The Title I School Improvement Project has been established and authorized through the Title I Public Law 103-382, Section 1116(c) in order to provide additional monies to subsidize federally funded activities as established by the Title I Comprehensive School Reform Plan. These funds will be distributed to selected Miami-Dade County Public Schools based on a per pupil allocation of \$123.62 for Level 1 schools and \$53.25 for Level 2 schools receiving Title I funds and that have at least 95% or more students participating in the free and/or reduced priced lunch program. The total allocation for the 2000-01 school year is \$3,361,298. The M-DCPS received \$396,102 in support of this project for the 1999-2000 school year.

Program assistance and services will be coordinated by Federal Programs and Grants Administration (FPGA), Title I, and Educational Planning and will be directed toward raising student achievement at schools receiving Title I funds.

The 49 schools participating in the grant will establish innovative School Improvement strategies based upon the nine principles of Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSR D) Program. The nine CSR D principles are:

1. effective, research-based methods and strategies;
2. comprehensive alignment of components;
3. professional development;
4. measurable goals and benchmarks;
5. support within the school;
6. parental and community involvement;
7. external technical support and assistance;
8. evaluation strategies; and
9. coordination of resources.

FPGA, Title I, will provide technical support and monitor program implementation through site visits and the districtwide School Improvement process. The district will ensure that schools use the most innovative, research-based strategies for increasing student performance.

Preliminary notification of this grant award was received on May 23, 2000, followed by the grant award on July 14, 2000, with a due date of August 25, 2000. This grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2000.

No local funds are required.

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 \$3,361,298, for funding the School Improvement Project under Title I, PL 103-382, effective as of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001;
2. extend the 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.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Yes
 No

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: 2000-2001 School Improvement Project Grant
 Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2000 Ending June 30, 2001
 (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	3,361,298				3,361,298		
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
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		3,361,298				3,361,298		

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-17 Board Meeting of August 23, 2000
 (Number) (Date)