

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 FAMILY LITERACY AND READING EXCELLENCE (FLARE) PROGRAM, LOCAL READING INITIATIVE, UNDER THE READING EXCELLENCE ACT; AND TO ENTER INTO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH CONTRACTORS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE AS OF JUNE 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

The Florida Department of Education under the Reading Excellence Act provides the Family Literacy (FlaRE) Program, Local Reading Initiative, to improve the reading skills of students, from the time they enter school and no later than third grade.

A professional development plan for classroom teachers and other instructional personnel who teach reading to early childhood aged students will be designed and implemented. The program expands the quantity and quality of family literacy and interaction between parent and child, and emphasizes extended learning opportunities and services to students who are not ready to transition to first grade.

Funds in the amount of \$1,499,792 will serve students in 12 elementary schools: Orchard Villa, Pine Villa, Colonial Drive, North Miami, Arcola Lake, Naranja, Ernest R Graham, Phillis Wheatley, Nathan B. Young, Kensington Park, R. R. Moton, and Parkway. The schools were invited to participate through the Request For Proposals process. Proposals were reviewed and selected by their respective regions. Each school will implement a research-based program that correlates to its School Improvement Plan.

Authorization is requested to enter into separate contractual agreements with contractors associated with each research-based model with no individual contract exceeding \$88,400 per school. The contractors will provide professional and technical services to implement the models. The schools that are requesting contracted services appear below:

<u>Contractors/Models</u>	<u>School(s)</u>
Electronic Education/Waterford Early Reading Program	North Miami Naranja Kensington Park Pine Villa
The Wright Group/Breakthrough to Literacy	Orchard Villa Phillis Wheatley Arcola Lake

CEI Essential Learning

Parkway  
R.R. Moton

International Learning Systems

Ernest R Graham

Houghton Mifflin/Early Success  
and Intervention Program

Colonial Drive

Failure Free Reading

Nathan B. Young

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on July 24, 2000, which is after the effective start date of the grant. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from June 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 \$1,499,792, for funding the Family Literacy and Reading Excellence (FLaRE) Program, Local Reading Initiative, under the Reading Excellence Act; and to enter into individual contractual agreements, in an amount not to exceed \$88,400 each, with Electronic Education; The Wright Group; CEI Essential Learning; International Learning System; and Failure Free Reading, effective as of June 1, 2000 through June 30, 2002;
2. extend this grant award, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if it is deemed necessary in order to complete the scope of the project;
3. renew these contractual agreements, upon mutual agreement, in the amount approved by the funding agency; and
4. 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

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

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Family Literacy and Reading Excellence Program  
 Grant Period Beginning June 1, 2000 Ending June 30, 2002  
 Entitlement Grant  Non-Entitlement/Contract

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	1,314,622	336,724	71,723		322,710	583,465	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	143,900		143,900				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	41,270*						41,270*
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		1,499,792	336,724	71,723	143,900	322,710	583,465	41,270

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 41,270

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-2 Board Meeting of August 23, 2000 (Date)  
 (Number)