

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF FUNDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000; EQUIPMENT; SOFTWARE; AND TRAINING; FROM INTEL CORPORATION; AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE *INTEL TEACH TO THE FUTURE* PROGRAM, FROM MAY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

Authorization is requested for the Superintendent to accept a donation of funds, in the amount of \$150,000; equipment; software; and training; from Intel Corporation; and to participate in the *Intel Teach To The Future* program, from May 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The *Intel Teach to the Future* program is a two-year program that will provide technology training for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) teachers, in addition to instruction in pedagogically-based preparation in lesson development. The *Intel Teach to the Future* program is supported through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This initiative will leverage the investment in the *Alliance Plus Technology Teacher Training Program*, a U.S. Department of Education Technology Innovation Challenge Grant, awarded to M-DCPS in 1998, by extending this training to advanced levels of technology integration. Both of these programs complement and strengthen M-DCPS Urban Systemic Program (USP), since much of the training is geared to middle school mathematics and science teachers. Additionally, curricula developed as a part of this program will be included in the Instructional Planner, located on M-DCPS Internet portal. Over a two-year period, this train-the-trainer program will prepare 30 master teachers to train up to 2,000 other M-DCPS teachers.

As a part of the *Intel Teach to the Future* program, Intel Corporation will provide:

- 40 hours of pedagogically-based professional development on the integration of technology into the curriculum, as well as standards-based lesson development for each of the 30 master teachers;
- \$150,000 for the purchase of computer equipment that will be placed in the master teachers' classrooms in order to reduce the student: computer ratio to a technological standard of 4:1;
- 30 Laptop computers and software for use by the master teachers;
- stipends for the master teachers for preparation and training of M-DCPS teachers during non-school hours;
- free software for participating teachers who complete the course presented by the master teachers; and
- An opportunity for both master and participant teachers to obtain university credits.

District costs will be limited to the payment of stipends for additional participating teachers who will be trained by the master teachers to attend training during after-school hours or on Saturdays. The appropriation for the stipends will be included in the 2001-2002 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in September 2001 under Fund 0100, Object 5136, Location 9629, Program 8600, Function 5100.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of funds, in the amount of \$150,000; equipment; software; and training; from Intel Corporation; and to participate in the *Intel Teach To The Future* program, from May 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2001-2002 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in September 2001.

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