Federal Programs and Grants Administration John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO FUND THE 2001-2002 ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR ADULT LEARNERS PROGRAM; PROJECT CYCLE:

JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

In 1998, our Florida legislative body mandated that a task force be assembled to review current delivery systems for adults with disabilities and to make recommendations for improvements. In 1999, the legislators outlined a process by which funding for such programs would be allocated to the providers. A competitive performance-based grant program was subsequently developed. Only school districts or community colleges were permitted to submit applications. The ranking system for applications had to include the following: (1) cost per individual served, (2) potential for improving quality of life through the provision of recreational activities and intellectual stimulation, (3) programs that serve adults with disabilities who are not suited for workforce development education programs, and (4) programs that provide lifelong learning activities to senior citizens.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools applied for the total funding allocation designated for this geographic region and was awarded \$2,378,232. This allocation, which was earmarked for adults with disabilities and senior adult learners, will fund the salary of an educational specialist, part-time hourly instructors, training initiatives and support services, contracted services, printing, supplies, equipment, software, and travel expenses.

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 \$2,378,232, to fund the 2001-2002 Adults with Disabilities and Senior Adult Learners Program; Project Cycle: July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002; and
- 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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