

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 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING FOR LIFE, INC., TO PROVIDE PROGRAM SERVICES; PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

Conference Report on Senate Bill 2000, Specific Appropriation 7C authorizes the Commissioner of Education to award grants to select school districts implementing Learning for Life Character Education Programs provided by Learning for Life, Inc.

The three specific goals of the Learning for Life Character Education Program are as follows:

To improve student life skills/students achievement, with a focus on reading, writing, critical thinking, and career preparation;

To build student character, which included the development of self-worth, self-confidence, motivation, and ethical decision-making skills; and

To increase positive classroom behavior.

Authorization is being requested to accept a grant award in the amount of \$310,000 from the Florida Department of Education and to enter into a contractual agreement with Learning for Life, Inc., to implement their Character Education Program. Participation in this program is on a voluntary basis. A maximum of 25,000 students in Grades K-6 at interested school sites will be selected as Learning for Life Character Education Program participants.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 2, 2001. The grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorizes the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education, in the amount of \$310,000 and enter into a contractual agreement with Learning for Life, Inc., to provide program services; Project Cycle: July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002;
2. extend this grant award and contractual agreement, 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.

RPY:ebm

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Learning for Life Character Education Program

Grant Period Beginning _____ Ending _____ (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							
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			310,000				
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	310,000			310,000				

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item F-6 Board Meeting of August 22, 2001 (Date)
 (Number)