

Federal Programs and Grants Administration
John Johnson II, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT FIVE COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY LITERACY CONTINUATION GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR MIAMI BEACH ADULT EDUCATION CENTER; NORTH MIAMI BEACH COMMUNITY SCHOOL; THE VIRTUAL INSTRUCTIONAL PARTNERS PROGRAM; THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM, AND WESLEY MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; FOR FUNDING FAMILY LITERACY PROJECTS UNDER THE ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY ACT; PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

The Florida Department of Education issued a Request for Proposals under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to fund projects that promote literacy and increase basic educational skills among adults in Florida. In response, the Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs submitted grant applications for projects designed to provide parents with the necessary skills to become full partners in the educational development of their children. The following projects were funded:

- The Treasure Island Community School Project will bring parents and elementary school students together to learn English, read together, and learn about their cultural integration in the South Florida community through a partnership between the Miami Beach Adult and Community Education Center, Treasure Island Elementary, and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. Funding in the amount of \$35,535 will provide personnel, professional and technical requirements, pupil transportation, books, newspapers, supplies, and software.
- The North Miami Beach Community Education Center Project Literacy Works is committed to the philosophy that literacy is a family affair. By promoting reading, it will offer adults and their children the opportunity to develop English language acquisition skills. Funding in the amount of \$41,828 will provide for materials, equipment, books, and personnel.

- The Virtual Instructional Partners Project will provide family literacy instruction for parents and their children online through the internet. Additionally, parents will enhance their own educational skills by attending the Virtual Adult Education School. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 will be used to provide supplies, books, computers, software, internet access, tape players, travel, and part-time personnel.
- The Virtual Adult Education Center Project will continue to build an internet-based delivery system of statewide online literacy instruction for the adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) curriculum competencies. Additionally, the project will offer online family literacy instruction to parents and children, as well as, online ESOL adult education instruction. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 will provide part-time personnel, computers, software, contracted services, books, supplies, tape players, and travel.
- The Wesley Matthews Community of Learners Project, in collaboration with Coral Park Adult Education Center, will provide parents whose children attend Wesley Matthews Elementary School with instruction in literacy enhancement, keyboarding, word processing, internet and e-mail use. The participating adults will also familiarize themselves with ways to be involved in their children's education at school and at home. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 will provide computers, software, tape players, books, materials, and personnel.

Official notification of this grant was received on August 1, 2001, which is after the effective start date of the grant. The grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from July 2, 2001.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept five Comprehensive Family Literacy Continuation grant awards from the Florida Department of Education for Miami Beach Adult Education Center, in the amount of \$35,535; North Miami Beach Community School, in the amount of \$41,828; the Virtual Instructional Partners Project, in the amount of \$50,000; the Virtual Adult Education Center Project, in the amount of \$50,000; and Wesley Matthews Elementary School, in the amount of \$50,000; for funding family literacy projects under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act; Project Cycle: July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002;
2. extend this grant award, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through notification from the granting agency, if it is deemed necessary, in order to 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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BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Miami-Dade County
Public Schools

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Family Literacy

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

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2001 Ending June 30, 2002 (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	273,295	13,791	17,480		31,372	144,025	
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	3,386*						3,386*
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		276,681	13,791	17,480		31,372	144,025	3,386

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 3,386

Reviewed By Judith A. Webb
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item F-5 Board Meeting of September 12, 2001 (Date)