

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE DISTRICT
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY PLAN 2001-2004**

The goal of the District's Instructional Technology Plan 2001-2004 is the integration of technology into the instructional program to improve learning outcomes and prepare students for the future. As such, the plan specifically supports Goal I of the District Strategic Plan: School-to-Career.

The future of our community depends upon its members successfully leveraging technology to achieve academic, personal, and workplace goals. The continued and expanded use of technology and telecommunication in the classroom to address national, state, and local standards is an indispensable component in the preparation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students for that future. The District Instructional Technology Plan builds on a successful foundation and provides a roadmap for achieving the goals of increased student academic performance and providing students with essential life-long skills.

Developing an Instructional Technology Plan and submitting it to the state is also a requirement for receiving Public School Technology Funds. The plan contains all of the components required by the state, and satisfies all state and federal requirements for participation in state Public School Technology Funds, federal Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grants and E-Rate.

In order to achieve the seamless integration of technology into teaching and learning, the active participation and encouragement of all stakeholders is required. To this end, a committee comprised of representatives from the following district offices contributed to the development of the plan: the curriculum divisions in the Bureau of Elementary, Secondary, and Workforce Development Education, Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services, WLRN, Office of Information Technology, Human Resources and Development, Management and Accountability, Office of Budget Management, Bureau of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Dropout Prevention Programs, One Community One Goal®, Region Offices, school principals, teachers, as well as student representation. In addition, representatives from local businesses, the Dade County Council PTA/PTSA, and the United Teachers of Dade were involved in the plan's development.

A copy of the District Instructional Technology Plan 2001-2004 will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive and approve the District Instructional Technology Plan 2001-2004.

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