

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING A RESEARCH-BASED READING PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, *JUST READ, FLORIDA!*, PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002

The Florida Department of Education has advised the Miami-Dade County Public Schools of the approval of the Research-Based Reading Program application funded in support of the Governor's Executive Order, *Just Read, Florida!*. A team of third and fourth grade teachers from twelve high need elementary schools, selected by the Region Director for Curriculum support, will be provided staff development to implement CRISS, **CR**reating Independence through **S**tudent-owned **S**trategies. These strategies provide direct support for the Comprehensive Reading Plan by strengthening the language arts/reading instructional block with the goal of improving reading achievement as measured by the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test.

The Research-Based Reading Program will be funded in the amount of \$75,000. Funds are being awarded for inservice reimbursements, stipends, hourly, professional and technical, supplies, and printing.

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 \$75,000, for funding a Research-Based Reading Program funded in support of the Governor's Executive Order, *Just Read, Florida!*, 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 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. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

No local funds are required.

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CRISS 3rd Grade Grant Schools

Region I

- Golden Glades
- Opa Locka Elementary

Region II

- Norland Elementary
- Biscayne Gardens Elementary

Region III

- Broadmoor Elementary
- Floral Heights Elementary

Region IV

- Phyllis Wheatley
- Riverside Elementary

Region V

- Dr. Carlos Finlay Elementary
- Olympia Heights Elementary

Region VI

- Naranja Elementary
- Laura Saunders Elementary