

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE FLARE, FLORIDA LITERACY AND READING EXCELLENCE, CENTER LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA TO REIMBURSE THE DISTRICT FOR TEACHER SUBSTITUTE FUNDS

The FLARE Center has agreed to provide resources to educators on research-based, effective practices in balanced literacy instruction and reading in the content areas to sixteen Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The sixteen elementary, middle and senior high schools submitted an application to the FLARE Center and were notified of acceptance in late February. The FLARE Center, a project of the Florida Department of Education, has agreed to reimburse the District the cost of teacher substitutes up to \$17,000.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept funds from the FLARE Center, located at the University of Central Florida, in the maximum amount of \$17,000, for reimbursement of substitute dollars used to provide professional development on research-based effective practices in balanced literacy instruction; and
2. 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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