

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AN EQUIPMENT GRANT FROM THE IBM CORPORATION KIDSMART EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM AT DR. CARLOS J. FINLAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PROJECT CYCLE: DECEMBER 12, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School identified the funding source, prepared the grant application, and has been awarded an equipment grant by the IBM Corporation KidSmart Early Learning Program. The purpose of this equipment grant is to enhance student achievement through computer literacy and to bridge the digital divide. Prekindergarten, kindergarten, fourth grade, and fifth grade classes will receive computers and software to enhance the science program and assist students in acquiring technology skills. The equipment grant entitles the school to 20 computers and software with a market value of \$34,164.

Official notification of this grant was received on October 30, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept an equipment grant, valued at \$34,164, from the IBM Corporation KidSmart Early Learning Program at Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School, Project Cycle: December 12, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. extend this grant program, at no additional cost, for a maximum of 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.

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