

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY PART II AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EDUCATION FUND TO IMPLEMENT THE CITIBANK FAMILY TECH PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Division of Instructional Technology and Media Support Services has received the *Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Part II* grant funded by the Florida Department of Education under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act: No Child Left Behind*.

The primary goal of the EETT is to support the implementation of a comprehensive system that effectively uses technology in elementary and secondary schools to improve student achievement. Secondary goals of the EETT are to enhance professional development of administrators and teachers, to support the development and utilization of an electronic network, and to implement other innovative methods for delivering rigorous content to students.

Building on the success of the Citibank Family Tech (CFT) program, the implementation of the grant will involve contracting with The Education Fund (The Ed Fund) to operate the CFT program in three low-performing elementary schools: Broadmoor, Comstock and Lillie C. Evans. Selected schools responded to a Request for Proposals which was sent to all "FF" schools and other low-performing schools participating in the AmeriCorps Dade READS! program.

The CFT program solicits used computers from the private sector and refurbishes them for low-income students and families to take home. A key component of the program is providing the students' teachers with extensive training in how to integrate technology throughout their school curriculum. As a result, students regularly use computers at school and at home to complete technology-rich assignments. Their parents learn how to use their home computers and communicate with their children's schools using the Internet.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with The Education Fund, in the amount of \$289,352 to implement the CFT program. The Education Fund is the official non-profit educational foundation for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The Education Fund will utilize funds for personnel, supplies, software, substitute teachers, and stipends.

Ms. Linda Lecht is the President of the Education Fund.

Official notification of this grant award was received on March 25, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 1, 2003.

**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 for funding Enhancing Education through Technology Part II in the amount of \$300,000 for the grant period of March 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with the Education Fund in the amount of \$289,352 to implement The Citibank Family Tech Program;
3. extend this program and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes  
 No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?  
 Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Enhancing Education Through Technology Part II

Grant Period Beginning March 1, 2003 Ending June 30, 2004  
 (Date) (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							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	289,352		289,352				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	10,648*						10,648*
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	300,000			289,352				10,648

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 10,648

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-63 Board Meeting of May 14, 2003  
 (Number) (Date)