

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TWO GRANT AWARDS
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING
THE FLORIDALEADERS.NET PROJECT**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE), in collaboration with the Miami Museum of Science, applied for a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to implement the FloridaLeaders.Net (FLN) project. The goal of the project is to enhance existing leadership and technology initiatives to ensure that superintendents, principals, and assistant principals statewide have access to quality leadership development training.

The Florida Department of Education will utilize the Florida Technology Trainer Enhancement Center at the Miami Museum of Science as the prime contractor for the FLN project. The Center will work collaboratively with the Florida Association of District School Superintendents and the six Area Centers for Educational Enhancement (ACEEs) to deliver a comprehensive leadership program for superintendents, principals, and assistant principals throughout the state.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Office of Performance Improvement, in its role as the fiscal agent for the ACEE Region VI, is being awarded funds in the amount of \$62,415 from two sources:

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in the amount of \$37,415; and
- Federal Title V funds, in the amount of \$25,000.

The regional coordinator will be responsible for scheduling and promoting regional institutes, coordinating the activity of leadership mentors, and providing online follow-up coaching to principals and assistant principals attending the institutes. All principals and assistants principals attending the FloridaLeaders.Net Professional Development Institutes will work directly with the mentors and receive school-site support for the implementation of technology and professional development plans.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Funds in the amount of \$62,415 will be used for salary, fringe benefits, indirect costs, travel for the regional coordinator and mentors, contracted projects, printing and other curriculum materials, and supplies and software to be used as a resource and reference for school site administrators.

Official notification of these grant awards was received on March 31, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective December 1, 2002.

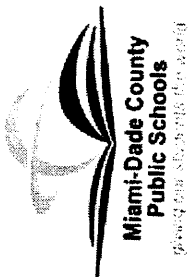
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept two grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, for funding the FloridaLeaders.Net project in the amount of \$62,415 for the grant period of December 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003;
2. extend these programs, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; 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.

AMC/ERR:mr

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Yes
 No

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: FloridaLeaders.Net Project

Grant Period Beginning December 1, 2002 Ending September 30, 2003
 (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	29,596	4,727	11,332		1,405	15,000	
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	355*						355*
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	62,415	29,596	4,727	11,332		1,405	15,000	355

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 355

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-64 Board Meeting of May 14, 2003
 (Number) (Date)