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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH THOSE CHARTERS SCHOOLS RECEIVING GRANT AWARDS UNDER THE TITLE V, PART A INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

At its meeting of July 10, 2002, the Board authorized the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$2,991,777, under The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title V, Part A Innovative Programs from the Florida Department of Education.

Title V funds are dispersed districtwide to support priority programs promoting student achievement and education reform. Funds are used for personnel, equipment, supplies, materials, books, printing, and pupil transportation.

A portion of these funds has been made available directly to individual schools to implement innovative programs. To date, \$228,000 has been distributed directly to school-based projects throughout the six ACCESS Centers under a competitive grant application process.

In accordance with the Title V grant guidelines, this competitive grant process has now been made available to eligible charter schools. The three highest ranked charter school grant applications will be awarded funds in the amount determined by the Grant Selection Committee, not to exceed \$20,000 each. The grant awards will be made through individual contractual agreements with the selected charters schools.

Grant applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Grant Selection Committee on May 7, 2003. Grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2003.

Additional information regarding the winners of the charter school grant competition will be provided prior to the School Board Meeting of May 14, 2003.

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