

Office of Human Resources
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PERSONNEL
ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR *PROJECT UPGRADE***

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
PERSONNEL SERVICES**

The Division of Early Childhood Programs is a participant in *Project Upgrade*, which is a two-year project to introduce high quality language and literacy curricula for pre-kindergarten children. This project entails a study which will assess the effects of language interventions on the language development, early literacy and overall school readiness of pre-schoolers in child care centers. Three curricula have been selected to address the literacy needs of the children in child care centers: The Building Early Language and Literacy (B.E.L.L.) program; Ready, Set, Leap program; and Breakthrough to Literacy.

The Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services (DHS) has requested Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide three teachers to work as literacy specialists. They will be responsible for modeling and implementing the curricula for teachers at the child care sites. Each literacy specialist is required to make a two-year commitment to the program, and the DHS will provide full reimbursement to Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the salary and fringe benefits of each teacher.

Details regarding this Board item will be submitted prior to the School Board meeting of October 22, 2003.