

Business Operations
Richard H. Hinds, Financial Operations

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 2 ON THE USE OF CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY FUNDS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES

Florida Statute 1011.62(6)(b) allows the Miami-Dade County Public School Board flexibility to expend the funds for the following Categorical Appropriations: Supplemental Academic Instruction, Transportation, Safe Schools, Research-Based Reading Instruction and Instructional Materials.

At the November 18, 2008 School Board Meeting, the Board approved a Resolution on the use of Categorical Funds, Board Item E-13. The item authorized the administration to exercise the flexibility provision allowed in the statute in the use of funds totaling \$18,700,000.

Subsequent to that date, the administration has curtailed spending in an effort to avoid layoffs, maintain instructional programs and preserve the contingency reserve. In addition, available resources in the Contracted Programs Fund have been identified to allow for appropriate expenditure transfers. As a result of these efforts, the Research-Based Instruction and Instructional Materials Categorical Programs have additional remaining balances. Resolution No. 2 requests the flexible use of additional funds in the Research-Based Reading Program in the amount of \$5,316,030 and in the Instructional Material Account in the amount of \$2,535,474.

The attached resolution in the format required by statute, is submitted for approval.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt Resolution No. 2 to provide flexibility for the selected Categorical Programs as shown on the attached form in the amount of \$7,851,504.

School Board of Miami – Dade County, Florida
Budget Resolution
Number 2

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 1011.62(6)(b), ENABLES THIS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING FLEXIBILITY TO EXPEND FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE FUNDS RECEIVED FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION, SAFE SCHOOLS, SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH-BASED READING INSTRUCTION, AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. THESE FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL BOARD SPECIFIED ACADEMIC CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 1011.62(6)(b) provides flexibility to expend selected categorical funds and approve an amendment to the school district's 2008-2009 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County has approved necessary budget amendments to balance the 2008-2009 budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board finds and declares that the funds received from the above named specific state appropriations are urgently needed to maintain Board specified academic classroom instruction.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Student Transportation funds in the amount of \$ 0
2. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Safe School funds in the amount of \$ 0
3. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Supplemental Academic Instruction funds in the amount of \$ 0
4. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Research-Based Reading Instruction funds in the amount of \$5,316,030.
5. The School Board hereby approves utilizing Instructional Materials funds in the amount of \$2,535,474, and certifies that all instructional material purchases have been completed for the fiscal year.

Total use of Categorical Flexibility Funds (Resolution No. 2) : \$7,851,504.

School Board Approved: