

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE 2012  
SUMMER WAVES OF LEARNING INITIATIVE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Students at all grade levels in Miami-Dade County Public Schools will have the opportunity to take part in an assortment of educational offerings this summer through the **2012 Summer Waves of Learning** initiative. Emulating the rhythmic, perpetual motion of waves, our District will bridge the school years by offering summer learning opportunities for all students under three distinct but interrelated learning waves:

- The **R-Learning Wave** will provide educational learning opportunities at open summer centers for students who need **Remediation** in core academic areas and/or who need **Recovery** of failed assessments or coursework;
- The **C-Learning Wave** will offer educational services at open summer centers for students who want to **Continue** acquiring academic skills during the summer in order to **Compensate** for the loss of knowledge that usually occurs during this off time; and
- The **E-Learning Wave** will bring **Electronic** access to web-based educational programs for students at all grade levels at home, public libraries, Title I Neighborhood Resource Centers, and other locations with technology access, as well as **External** educational services across grade levels as a result of cooperative/affiliating agreements with colleges/universities and community based organizations.

The **2012 Summer Waves of Learning** initiative will address the academic needs of students at all grade levels through both traditional and virtual learning approaches. Through the infusion of technology and interactive programming, students will engage in inventive and enjoyable learning experiences both at school and at home. The elementary focus will be on stimulating readiness skills, strengthening reading proficiency, and escalating web-based digital learning. The secondary focus will be on advancing progression and promotion, supporting post secondary readiness, and increasing opportunities for graduation. Launching a new era of continuous learning, this initiative will help to reduce the digital divide while complying with federal and state mandates through research-based curriculum and individualized programs.

Following is a listing of the program offerings under each of the ***Waves of Learning***:

***R-LEARNING WAVE***

- Grade Three Summer Reading Camp for retained third grade students;
- Alternative Assessment for Grade Three Promotion (AAGTP) for eligible third grade retained students;
- Literacy for rising third grade students who scored below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT-10) Reading Comprehension subtest;
- Course Credit Recovery for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who are either in need of retaking one failed course or are missing one course required for promotion;
- Literacy for rising sixth grade students who scored level 1 or 2 on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0 Grade 5 Reading subtest;
- Algebra I End of Course (EOC) remediation coursework and assessment for eligible students in middle and senior high school grades;
- Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) college readiness coursework in mathematics for rising twelfth grade students;
- Course Credit Recovery for ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students through co-enrollment in Workforce Development;
- Extended School Year (ESY) services, as specified in the Individual Educational Plan (IEP), for eligible students with disabilities at all grade levels; and
- Remediation services for eligible Neglected/Delinquent and Migrant students.

***C-LEARNING WAVE***

- Summer Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) for four/five year old students who did not participate in VPK during the school year;
- Web-based Digital Learning for third, fourth and fifth grade students at school sites based on summer center space availability; and
- Dual Enrollment at colleges/universities for students who meet minimum requirements as stipulated by state statute.

***E-LEARNING WAVE***

- Web-based Digital Learning for students at all grade levels at non-school sites (home, public libraries, Title I Neighborhood Resource Centers, and other locations with technology access); and
- External educational summer services across grade levels as a result of cooperative/affiliating agreements with colleges/universities and community based organizations.

The proposed **2012 Summer Waves of Learning** initiative will be funded through federal grants and state allocations at a cost of approximately \$9,000,000. Transportation services will be provided for students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, ESY, and Neglected/Delinquent and Migrant programs. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for students served at elementary, K-8, and middle school summer centers. There will be no cost to the General Fund.

The **2012 Summer Waves of Learning** initiative implementation document, including the list of open summer centers, program schedules, and operational procedures, will be provided to the School Board under separate cover prior to the commencement of services.

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

1. Implement the **2012 Summer Waves of Learning** initiative across all grade levels at a cost of approximately \$9,000,000 in federal grants and state allocations; and
2. Enter into cooperative/affiliating agreements and/or implement grant authorized programs for the delivery of educational summer services at no cost to the General Fund.