

Financial Services
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1 ON THE USE OF FY 2015-16
CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY**

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

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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 to maintain academic classroom instruction.

The District is requesting flexibility in the use of funds totaling \$13,336,282. Funds in the amount of \$11,036,282 for the Research-Based Reading Instruction and funds in the amount of \$2,300,000 in the Instructional Materials Program are requested. The District will be able to certify that an amendment describing the changes that the District is making to its reading plan will be submitted to the Department of Education.

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. 1 to provide flexibility for the selected FY 2015-16 Categorical Programs as shown on the attached form in the amount of \$13,336,282.

Categorical Flexible Spending Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.62(6)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES, PROVIDING THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE 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, Section 1011.62(6)(b), Florida Statutes, provides flexibility to expend selected categorical funds and approve an amendment to the school district's 2014-2015 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County has approved necessary budget amendments to balance the 2014-2015 budget; and

WHEREAS, the School Board finds and declares that the funds received from the above-referenced 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 using Student Transportation funds in the amount of \$ 0.
2. The School Board hereby approves using Safe School funds in the amount of \$ 0.
3. The School Board hereby approves using Supplemental Academic Instruction funds in the amount of \$ 0, and certifies that the required additional hours of instruction have been provided for students in designated low-performing elementary schools (if applicable).
4. The School Board hereby approves using Research-Based Reading Instruction funds in the amount of \$ 11,036,282, and certifies that the required additional hours of instruction have been provided for students in designated low-performing elementary schools (if applicable). An amendment describing the changes that the district is making to its reading plan will be submitted to the Department of Education.
5. The School Board hereby approves using Instructional Materials funds in the amount of \$2,300,000, and certifies that all instructional material purchases necessary to provide updated materials to align to Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and benchmarks have been completed for the fiscal year.

Total amount of Categorical Flexibility Funds: \$ 13,336,282

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

I, Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools and ex-officio Secretary of the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, September 9, 2015.

Signature of Superintendent of Schools

Date of Signature