

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM, AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 AS AMENDED BY THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001, PROJECT CYCLE: OCTOBER 1, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) issued a Request for Proposal under the Voluntary Public School Choice Program for the purpose of awarding grants to support efforts to establish or expand programs of public school choice for parents and their children. Priority funding was given to projects that will: provide a wide variety of educational choices for all students in participating schools; have substantial impact in allowing students in low-performing schools to attend higher-performing schools; or implement an inter-district approach to expanding public school choice. Funds received from this grant will be used to significantly expand the availability of high quality options for parents and students in Miami-Dade County.

In accordance with the USDOE grant guidelines, grantees must also use Voluntary School Choice grant funds to provide participating students with transportation. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will use grant funds to assist in revamping and computerizing the M-DCPS transportation system to provide a cost-effective means of transporting students and to ensure all students equitable opportunity for access to public school choice programs.

The authorized funding for Year 1 is \$2,617,615, with anticipated annual awards of \$3,000,000 per year for four additional years. The total funding of \$14,617,615, has been approved by the USDOE for the project period from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2007, with the possibility of supplemental allocations during the project period up to a cumulative allocation of \$25,000,000.

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Official notification relative to this grant was received on October 2, 2002. The budget period for this grant award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from October 1, 2002.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: ThatThe School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education, in the total amount of \$14,617,615, for funding under the Voluntary Public School Choice program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Project Cycle: October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2007;
2. extend this grant implementation, at no additional cost, for up to] one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant and thus complete the scope of the project; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC/MB:ccs

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Voluntary Public Schools of Choice

Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2002 Ending September 30, 2007
 (Date) (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	4,122,273	990,560	1,701,593		5,284,244	1,000,000	
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	518,945*						518,945*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800	1,000,000		1,000,000				
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	14,617,615	4,122,273	990,560	2,701,593		5,284,244	1,000,000	518,945

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 518,945

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item A-5 Board Meeting of October 23, 2002
 (Number) (Date)