

January 29, 2003

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AMENDED GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH ARCHIMEDEAN ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF ARCHIMEDEAN ACADEMY; MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL; MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER ACADEMY EAST CHARTER SCHOOL; SANDOR WIENER SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY, INC., ON BEHALF OF SANDOR WIENER SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY; VANKARA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF VANKARA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL; AND THE DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER SCHOOL, PROJECT CYCLE: APRIL 23, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003.

COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

At the School Board Meetings of June 19, 2002 and July 10, 2002, the Board approved acceptance of grant funds in the total amount of \$900,000 for the aforementioned charter schools under the Public Charter Schools Grant Program of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). Of this amount, indirect costs of \$31,776 (\$5,296 per school) were retained by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), with a contract amount of \$144,704 for each charter school. On October 9, 2002, the FDOE awarded additional funds under the same program in the amount of \$51,650 to each charter school listed above. Of this amount, indirect costs totaling \$10,998 will be retained by M-DCPS, with a proposed contract amount of \$49,817 for each charter school.

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It is anticipated that the charter schools will receive the following amounts:

Charter School	Original Amount to M-DCPS	Contract Amount	Increase in Grant Award	Indirect Costs	Proposed Contract Amount
Archimedean Academy	\$150,000	\$144,704	\$51,650	\$1,833	\$49,817
Mater Academy Charter High School	\$150,000	\$144,704	\$51,650	\$1,833	\$49,817
Mater Academy East Charter School	\$150,000	\$144,704	\$51,650	\$1,833	\$49,817
Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity	\$150,000	\$144,704	\$51,650	\$1,833	\$49,817
Vankara Academy Charter School	\$150,000	\$144,704	\$51,650	\$1,833	\$49,817
Downtown Miami Charter School	\$150,000	\$144,704	\$51,650	\$1,833	\$49,817

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS will serve in a collaborative partnership with each charter school in the oversight and operation of the school. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grant or its intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS monitor the revenues and expenditures of the charter schools.

Authorization is requested for M-DCPS to enter into separate contractual agreements with the aforementioned charter schools for the amounts indicated. The charter schools will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in their respective grant applications and expending the grant funds.

Official notification relative to these grant awards was received on October 11, 2002. The budget period for these grants allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from April 23, 2002.

No local funds are required.

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

1. accept the amended grant awards from the Florida Department of Education, in the total amount of \$309,900, for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program and enter into separate contractual agreements with Archimedean Academy, Inc., on behalf of Archimedean Academy, in an amount not to exceed \$49,817; Mater Academy Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Charter High School, in an amount not to exceed \$49,817; Mater Academy Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$49,817; Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, Inc., on behalf of Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, in an amount not to exceed \$49,817; Vankara Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Vankara Academy Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$49,817; and Downtown Miami Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Miami Charter School, in an amount not to exceed \$49,817, Project Cycle: April 23, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
2. approve acceptance of these grant awards in accordance with Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
3. extend these programs and contractual agreements at no additional cost for a maximum of one year as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant awards and thus complete the scope of the programs; and
4. 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: Public Charter Schools Federal Grant Program
 Grant Period Beginning April 23, 2002 Ending June 30, 2003
 (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	298,902		298,902				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	10,998*						10,998*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		309,900		298,902				10,998

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 10,998

Reviewed By *Judith A. Webb* Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 Division of Budget Agenda Item B-63 Board Meeting of February 12, 2003
 (Number) (Date)