

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE 21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER ACADEMY EAST AND MATER CENTER CHARTER SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program awards grants to rural and urban public schools, or consortia of such schools. Priority is given to partnerships between schools and public or private community-based organizations to enable them to provide for the educational, health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of the community.

All schools, including charter schools, were notified of this grant opportunity. Authorization is being requested to accept a grant award which will enhance after-school programs at Mater Academy East Charter School and Mater Center Charter School.

The goal of the project is to create a self-sustaining, high-quality center that will be a local, state, and national model for the twenty-first century. The anticipated outcomes of the project are to:

- increase reading and writing comprehension as well as creative expression through art and public speaking;
- improve communication skills; and
- classroom behavior, interpersonal skills, and self-awareness.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive grant funding. Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Mater Academy Inc., in the amount of \$170,563 for program design and professional development.

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It is anticipated that the funds in the amount of \$175,000 will be disbursed as follows:

Charter School Corporate Entity	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
Mater Academy, Inc.	21 st Century Grant	\$175,000	\$4,437	\$170,563

Mater Academy, Inc., is a local, non-profit organization that operates three public charter schools in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The charter schools that will benefit from this grant are Mater Academy East Charter School and Mater Center Charter School.

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receive such grants. 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 serve as the fiscal agent.

Official notification of this grant award was received March 3, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective November 1, 2002.

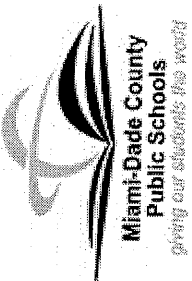
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education in the amount of \$175,000 for funding the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program at Mater Academy East Charter School and Mater Center Charter School;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Charter School and Mater Center Charter Schools in the amount of \$170,563 to implement the program, for the grant period of November 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003;
3. approve acceptance of this grant award in accordance with Section 1002.33 Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
4. extend this program and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
5. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amount approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriation to be reported periodically to the Board.

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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: 21st Century Community Learning Center Mater Academy

Grant Period Beginning November 1, 2002 Ending March 3, 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	170,563			170,563				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration								
School Administration	4,437*							4,437*
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	175,000			170,563				4,437

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 4,437

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-62 Board Meeting of April 9, 2003
 (Number) (Date)