

March 21, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT 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 THE CHARTER SCHOOLS LISTED BELOW**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) issued a Request for Proposals under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants to charter schools partnering with local educational agencies in order to provide a high quality education for all students. The Public Charter School Federal Grant Program provides funds only to those charter schools which have been approved by the local school district, and which have established a collaborative partnership for the oversight and operation of the charter schools. Funds received from this grant will be used to improve the quality of education, support planning activities, and supplement the level of funds that would be made available from non-federal sources.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Aventura Elementary Charter School, Children First Charter School, Miami Children's Museum Charter School, Somerset Academy, Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Keys Gate Charter School, Sweet Home Charter School, Doral Academy Middle Charter School, Mater Academy Middle Charter School, Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Middle Charter School, and School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech) submitted grant applications to support charter school operations.

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

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Contract Amount
Aventura Elementary Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Children First Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676

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Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Contract Amount
Miami Children's Museum Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Somerset Academy	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Keys Gate Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Sweet Home Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Doral Academy Middle Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Mater Academy Middle Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Middle Charter School	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676
School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech)	Implementation Grant	\$150,000	\$5,324	\$144,676

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, 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 grants or its intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent.

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.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$1,650,000 will be used for hourly personnel, field trips, and educational supplies.

Official notification of these grant awards was received on March 13, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective January 28, 2003.

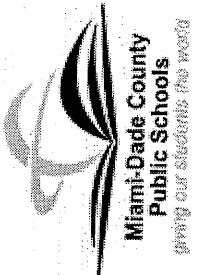
**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept grant awards from the Florida Department of Education in the total amount of \$1,650,000 for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements with:
  - a. The City of Aventura, Florida on behalf of Aventura Charter Elementary School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - b. Children First Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Children First Charter School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - c. The Miami Children's Museum Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Miami Children's Museum Charter School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - d. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - e. Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - f. The Homestead Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Keys Gate Charter School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - g. Sweet Home Community Builders, Inc., on behalf of Sweet Home Charter School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - h. The Doral Academy, Inc., on behalf of Doral Academy Middle Charter School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - i. Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Charter Middle School, in the amount of \$144,676;
  - j. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy Charter Middle School, in the amount of \$144,676; and
  - k. Florida School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc., on behalf of School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech), in the amount of \$144,676; to implement the program for the grant period of January 28, 2003 through September 30, 2004;
3. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs; and
4. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations 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: 2003-2004 Public Charter School Implementation Grant  
 Grant Period Beginning January 28, 2003 Ending September 30, 2004  
 (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	1,591,436			1,591,436				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration								
School Administration	58,564 *							58,564 *
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	1,650,000			1,591,436				58,564

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 58,564

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:  
 Division of Budget B-63 Board Meeting of April 9, 2003  
 (Number) (Date)