

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
SOUTH FLORIDA AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS FOR FUNDING
UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S MENTORING INITIATIVE
PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Conference Report on Senate Bill 2A, Specific Appropriation 4C, authorizes the Commissioner of Education to award grant dollars for discretionary projects focused on providing mentoring services for students as part of the Governor's Mentoring Initiative.

The purpose of the grant, funded in the amount of \$30,000, is to provide one-on-one mentoring, tutorial, and counseling services to a maximum of twenty (20) targeted ninth grade students at each of the 4 low performing high schools in Miami-Dade County. The schools were selected because they are "double F" or "triple F" schools.

The initiative utilizes the components and strategies already proven successful in the South Florida After-School All-Stars through the Middle School Enrichment Program. Students and their mentors will meet one hour after school, Monday through Thursday. Twice a week they will work on life skills and writing skills, and twice a week they will use the Accelerated Reader program in conjunction with *Arnold's Book Club*.

Authorization is requested to enter into a one year contractual agreement with the South Florida After-School All-Stars in the amount of \$25,023 to implement the Governor's Mentoring Initiative Program. The balance of \$4,977 will be used for salaries.

Ms. Jodie Knofsky is the Executive Director of the South Florida After-School All-Stars.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding.

Official notification of this grant award was received on January 7, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2003.

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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 for funding under the Governor's Mentoring Initiative Program in the amount of \$30,000 for the grant period effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with the South Florida After-School All-Stars, Inc. in the amount of \$25,023, with the balance of \$4,977 used for salaries for the contract period of February 19, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
3. extend this grant award and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; 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: Governor's Mentoring Initiative Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2003 Ending June 30, 2004 (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	30,000	4,223	754	25,023				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	*							*
School Administration								
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	30,000	4,223	754	25,023				

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *[Signature]* Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: _____
 Division of Budget Agenda Item B-61 Board Meeting of March 17, 2004 (Date)
 (Number)