

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 CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MODEL  
PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) awards grants for local education agencies to provide services that support the Continuous School Improvement Model Program in schools with school performance grades of F. The FLDOE required that these schools implement the Continuous School Improvement Model Program beginning with the 2003-2004 school year as part of the Florida Assistance Plus Program designed to increase student achievement in low performing schools.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools was awarded a grant in the amount of \$110,800 for the Continuous School Improvement Model Program.

All schools, including charter schools that met the eligibility criteria as specified by the FLDOE, were notified of this grant opportunity. Authorization is requested to accept a grant award to support the Continuous School Improvement Model, as required by the FLDOE.

This grant supplements funds to support Governor Bush's goal of all students' reading on grade level or higher by the year 2012 and is consistent with the standards identified by the Just Read, Florida! Office. This program is designed to implement the Reading Sunshine State Standards in focus lessons, intensive tutorials, and enrichment activities.

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The following eight schools have been awarded funding for the Continuous School Improvement Model grant:

Schools	ACCESS Center	Funds Awarded
Holmes Elementary School	3	\$13,850
Laura C. Saunders Elementary School	6	\$13,850
Booker T. Washington Sr. High School	4	\$13,850
Miami Edison Sr. High School	4	\$13,850
Miami Jackson Sr. High School	4	\$13,850
Miami Northwestern Sr. High School	3	\$13,850
North County Charter School	Charter	\$13,850
Rosa Parks Charter School	Charter	\$13,850
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$110,800</b>

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$110,800 will cover software for instructional focus lessons and peripherals.

Official notification of this grant award was received on April 5, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective February 9, 2004.

**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 the Continuous School Improvement Model Program in the amount of \$110,800 for the grant period of February 9, 2004 through June 30, 2004;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. 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.

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: Continuous School Improvement Model Program

Grant Period Beginning February 9, 2004 Ending June 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	110,800					110,800	
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
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	110,800						110,800	

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-65 Board Meeting of May 19, 2004  
 (Number) (Date)