

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 UNDER THE VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE
MENTOR DISTRICT PROJECT**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) issued a Request for Proposal under the Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project for the purpose of awarding grants to those school districts implementing the public school choice program. FLDOE will meet the goals and objectives of the Voluntary Public School Choice Program by funding veteran and novice school districts in public school choice program implementation.

The goals of the program are to reinstate, sustain, and expand to the degree of high-quality public school choice programs, as well as to expand and to replicate successful implementation of public school choice throughout Florida and the nation. The main objectives of this program are to provide a wide variety of educational choices for all students, to impact students in low-performing and under-enrolled schools, and to increase student achievement.

It is anticipated that the Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project will receive the following funding amount:

| | Amount of Grant | Indirect Costs | Grant Award |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| TOTAL | \$150,000 | \$4,669 | \$145,331 |

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Eligible mentor districts that receive a grant under the Voluntary Public School Choice Program may receive a maximum of \$150,000 and may use the grant funds for:

- maintaining, improving, and expanding the current school choice program;
- funding public elementary schools or secondary schools that students choose under the program;
- providing transportation for students in the school choice program;
- providing activities that enable high-demand public elementary schools or secondary schools to accommodate transfer requests under the program;
- executing public education campaigns to inform students and parents about the program;
- assisting a mentee district; and
- other costs that are reasonably necessary to implement the program.

Official notification of this grant award was received on March 19, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 5, 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 under the Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project in the amount of \$150,000 for the grant period of March 5, 2004 through September 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.

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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: Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project

Grant Period Beginning March 5, 2004 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 | 5000 | | | | | | | |
| SUPPORT SERVICES: | | | | | | | | |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 6100 | 40,000 | 7,132 | | | 5,000 | 10,000 | |
| Instructional Media Services | 6200 | | | | | | | |
| Instruction & Curriculum Development | 6300 | | | | | | | |
| Instructional Staff Training | 6400 | | | 83,199 | | | | |
| Board of Education | 7100 | | | | | | | |
| General Administration | 7200 | | | | | | | 4,669* |
| 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 | 150,000 | 40,000 | 7,132 | 83,199 | | 5,000 | 10,000 | 4,669 |

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 4,669

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-68 Board Meeting of May 19, 2004
 (Number) (Date)