

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD  
AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR FUNDING THE PROGRAM  
PROMOTING SCIENCE AMONG ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
LEARNERS (P-SELL)**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The University of Miami has received a five-year research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to implement an elementary school program entitled Promoting Science among English Language Learners (P-SELL) in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). The grant award has been approved on scientific and technical merit for five years. The duration of the grant is contingent on the availability of funds and the scientific progress of the program. The \$500,000 P-SELL grant will fund an Executive Director position, including salary and fringe benefits, effective May 15, 2004 through April 30, 2009.

Program P-SELL will involve research on the most effective science teaching practices for elementary students with an emphasis on students who are English language learners. The program also targets student literacy and mathematics instruction. Additionally, the program will explore teachers' knowledge, beliefs, and teaching practices, as well as science instruction that maximizes student achievement on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in science.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$500,000 will fund the M-DCPS position of Executive Director who will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of program activities, aligning research activities, designing and providing teacher workshops, providing all required reports, and utilizing the district database system for collecting teacher and student data on the various statewide assessments.

Dr. Okee Lee, University of Miami, is the Principal Investigator for Program P-SELL.

Official notification of this grant award was received on April 28, 2004. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective May 15, 2004.

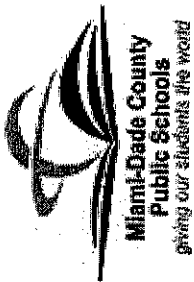
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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award and enter into a contractual agreement from the University of Miami for funding Promoting Science among English Language Learners (P-SELL) in the amount of \$500,000 for the grant period of May 15, 2004 through April 30, 2009;
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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BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



Yes  
 No  
 Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Project Promoting Science Among English Language Learners (P-SELL)

Grant Period Beginning May 15, 2004 Ending April 30, 2009  
 (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	398,748	101,252					
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
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							
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>398,748</b>	<b>101,252</b>					

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-64 Board Meeting of July 14, 2004  
 (Number) (Date)