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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(USDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SMALLER LEARNING
COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The United States Department of Education (USDOE) issued a Request for Proposals under the Smaller Learning Communities Program (SLC) for the purpose of providing federal financial assistance to encourage large high schools to undertake the planning, implementation, and expansion of smaller learning communities through research-based restructuring. Such strategies include establishing small learning clusters and career academies with emphasis on the implementation of freshman transition activities, adult advocate/advisory systems, and high academic standards for all students.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the USDOE in the amount of \$3,000,000 to fund the Smaller Learning Communities Program for the grant period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2007.

The following schools were targeted for this program because they met all federal requirements including documented need for assistance relative to student performance, diversity/achievement gaps, graduation rates, school safety concerns, and successful transition to post-high school training and or careers. The six senior high schools identified in the SLC grant are:

- American Senior High School
- Booker T. Washington Senior High School
- G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School
- Miami Beach Senior High School
- Miami Jackson Senior High School
- North Miami Beach Senior High School

Successful transformation of the six schools will be highly dependent on a total commitment, both internally (teachers, administrators, parents, and students) and externally (district, state, community), to the implementation of accelerated learning strategies and interventions that will help all students succeed in rigorous academic coursework.

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Therefore, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will partner with the National Academy Foundation (NAF), whose research-based, career academy frameworks have proven track records both at the local and national levels.

An in-kind match supporting the M-DCPS application valued at \$4,194,840 is met by personnel, professional development, materials, and supplies provided through district funds. Grant funds in the amount of \$2,859,049 will be used for personnel, travel, equipment, field trips, printing and duplicating, professional development, and supplies. Indirect cost is \$140,951, for a total allocation of \$3,000,000.

Official notification of this grant award was received on October 4, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 1, 2004.

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

1. accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for funding under the Smaller Learning Communities Program in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the grant period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2007;
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 Operations 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: Smaller Learning Communities Program

Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2004 Ending September 30, 2007
 (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	1,046,350	17,850			550,000	328,500	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	459,180	61,525			76,646	10,500	36,000
Instructional Staff Training	6400	1,263,519	79,519	699,000		50,000		
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	140,951*						140,951*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800	90,000		90,000				
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		3,000,000	158,894	789,000		676,646	339,000	176,951

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 140,951

Reviewed By Judith A. Weleb Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 Division of Budget H-20 Board Meeting of October 20, 2004
 (Number) (Date)