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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THREE GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING THE FLORIDA MENTOR TEACHER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER SCHOOL, NORTH COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL, AND RENAISSANCE ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:   EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), in partnership with the Milken Family Foundation, established the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program, a grant initiative designed to reward excellence in teaching.

Authorization is requested to accept three grant awards, in the total amount of \$174,000 from the FLDOE and to enter into separate contractual agreements with Downtown Miami Charter School, in the amount of \$12,000; North County Charter School, in the amount of \$12,000; and Renaissance Elementary Charter School, in the amount of \$150,000, to implement their projects for the grant period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

The goal is to implement a five-step career ladder that rewards outstanding teachers with recognition and higher salaries. The 2004-2005 school year will be the fourth year that Renaissance Elementary Charter School (formerly known as Ryder Charter School) has received grant funds from the FLDOE under this grant initiative. North County and Downtown Miami Charter Schools will implement the second year of their projects.

In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines for the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must be the fiscal agent on behalf of charter schools that receive such grants. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grant or its intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS monitor the revenues and expenditures of the Charter School(s).

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the total amount of \$174,000 will be distributed as separate contractual agreements among the three schools as follows:

SCHOOL	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Downtown Miami Charter School	\$12,000
North County Charter School	\$12,000
Renaissance Elementary Charter School	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$174,000

Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of these grant awards was received on August 9, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 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 (FLDOE) for funding the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program in the amount of \$174,000 for the grant period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$174,000 for the grant period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 with:
  - a. Downtown Miami Charter School, in the amount of \$12,000;
  - b. North County Charter School, in the amount of \$12,000; and
  - c. Renaissance Elementary Charter School (formerly Ryder Charter School), in the amount of \$150,000;
3. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. 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: Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2004 Ending June 30, 2005  
 (Date) (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget (51XX)	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	174,000			174,000				
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	174,000			174,000				

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *Katherine Jones* 10/9/2004  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item H-3 Board Meeting of October 20, 2004 (Date)  
 (Number)