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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 UNDER THE ASSISTANCE PLUS SECONDARY RESEARCH-BASED READING PROGRAM AT SELECTED SCHOOLS AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. AND VANKARA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       &       COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, Title I, School Improvement; Title V, Part A; and the General Appropriations Act; the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has authorized funding to support the Assistance Plus Secondary Research-Based Reading Program in high schools with accountability grades of F or schools serving grades 6, 7, or 8 that are required to implement a rigorous reading program. The District submitted applications for all eligible schools in Miami-Dade County.

Authorization is requested to accept three grant awards pending receipt of funds from the FLDOE, in the total amount of \$437,920, to fund the Assistance Plus Secondary Research-Based Reading Program at selected schools and enter into separate contractual agreements with Downtown Miami Charter School, in the amount of \$28,490, and Vankara Academy Charter School, in the amount of \$28,490, to implement the program for the grant period of September 27, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The Title I, School Improvement grant award is in the amount of \$178,490. The Title V, Part A grant award is in the amount of \$129,715. The General Appropriations Act grant award is in the amount of \$129,715.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Downtown Miami Charter School and Vankara Academy Charter School submitted grant applications to support their charter school operations.

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In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receives such grants. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grants 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 serve as the fiscal agent.

The following schools are funded under Title I, School Improvement; Title V, Part A; and the General Appropriations Act. The awards and sources are as follows:

School	General Appropriations	Title I	Title V	Total Funded	Zone School
Allapattah Middle		\$30,000		\$30,000	yes
Brownsville Middle	\$14,245		\$14,245	\$28,490	yes
Campbell Drive Middle	\$14,245		\$14,245	\$28,490	yes
Charles R. Drew Middle		\$30,000		\$30,000	yes
Horace Mann Middle	\$14,245		\$14,245	\$28,490	yes
Jose de Diego Middle	\$14,245		\$14,245	\$28,490	yes
Madison Middle		\$30,000		\$30,000	yes
Miami Edison Middle		\$30,000		\$30,000	yes
Norland Middle	\$14,245		\$14,245	\$28,490	yes
Parkway Middle	\$14,245		\$14,245	\$28,490	yes
Miami Central High	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$30,000	yes
Miami Jackson High		\$30,000		\$30,000	yes
School for Applied Technology	\$15,000		\$15,000	\$30,000	no
Downtown Miami Charter		\$28,490		\$28,490	no
Vankara Academy Charter	\$14,245		\$14,245	\$28,490	no
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$129,715</b>	<b>\$178,490</b>	<b>\$129,715</b>	<b>\$437,920</b>	

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive these grant funds. Grant funds in the amount of \$432,002 will be used to purchase a rigorous research-based reading program, substitute teacher coverage, professional and technical services, and computer software. The indirect cost is \$5,918, for a total allocation of \$437,920.

Official notification of these grant awards was received on December 14, 2004, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 27, 2004.

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

1. accept three grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Assistance Plus Secondary Research-Based Reading Program at selected schools in the total amount of \$437,920 for the grant period of September 27, 2004 through June 30, 2005;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$56,980, for the grant period of September 27, 2004 through June 30, 2005;
  - a. Downtown Miami Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Miami Charter School, in the amount of \$28,490; and
  - b. Vankara Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Vankara Academy Charter School, in the amount of \$28,490;
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: Assistance Plus Secondary Research-based Reading Program  
 Grant Period Beginning September 27, 2004 Ending June 30, 2005  
 (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	33,891	4,043	56,980			312,000	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services .....	6100							
Instructional Media Services .....	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development .....	6300							
Instructional Staff Training .....	6400			25,088				
Board of Education .....	7100							
General Administration .....	7200							5,918*
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	437,920	33,891	4,043	82,068			312,000	5,918

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 5,918

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:  
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of February 16, 2005  
 (Number) (Date)