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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER SCHOOL TO IMPLEMENT THE READING COACH AND MATHEMATICS COACH PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, Title I, School Improvement, and Title V, Part A, authorized funding to hire mathematics and reading coaches in public schools with accountability grades of "F". The coaches hired under the auspices of these grants will implement effective mathematics and reading programs. Schools currently funded for reading coaches by the FLDOE were not eligible to apply for additional funds for reading coaches. The District submitted applications for all eligible schools in Miami-Dade County.

Authorization to accept the grant award, in the amount of \$123,892, from the FLDOE was granted on February 16, 2005. Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with Downtown Miami Charter School in the amount of \$123,892, to implement the program for the grant period of October 20, 2004, through June 30, 2005.

In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the 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 serve as the fiscal agent.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$123,892 will be distributed as follows:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Contract Amount
Downtown Miami Charter School	Reading/Mathematics Coach	\$123,892	\$123,892
TOTAL		\$123,892	\$123,892

Official notification of this grant award was received on January 26, 2005, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 20, 2004.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with Downtown Miami Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Miami Charter School, in the amount of \$123,892, to implement the Reading Coach and Mathematics Coach program for the grant period of October 20, 2004, through June 30, 2005;
2. extend this program and contractual agreement 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.

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