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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE)
FOR FUNDING THE *READING FIRST* GRANT AT SELECTED
ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) authorizes funding through a competitive grant process for eligible agencies to provide services that support the *Reading First* grant initiative. This grant assists Florida school districts and schools to implement proven methods of scientifically based reading instruction in classrooms in order to ensure that students are proficient readers by the end of grade 3. From the FLDOE list of 153 Reading First schools in M-DCPS, 89 schools were selected using the following criteria:

- Zone and Stellar schools;
- Schools with more than 15% of third grade students in Levels 1 and 2;
- Schools currently implementing Direct Instruction (DI) utilizing *SRA Reading Mastery*; and
- High need, Non-Title I schools that did not have a full time released reading coach.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the FLDOE, in the approximate amount of \$11,603,479, to fund the *Reading First* grant for the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. If funds are available, each year for five years thereafter, the FLDOE will disburse funds on a declining balance as follows:

2006-07, 90% of total amount = \$10,443,132
2007-08, 70% of total amount = \$ 8,122,436
2008-09, 50% of total amount = \$ 5,801,740
2009-10, 40% of total amount = \$ 4,641,392
Totaling \$40,315,180 over five years

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Reading First funds will be used to purchase the required common core reading program (Houghton Mifflin), state approved intensive intervention programs, and classroom libraries. Funds will also be used to place reading coaches in select participating schools that currently do not have a full time classroom released reading coach and provide professional development for teachers, reading coaches, and principals at participating schools. In addition, the grant will fund an Executive Director to manage the grant and four curriculum support specialists to provide direct support to participating schools. There is no additional cost to the District.

Official notification of this grant award was received on May 16, 2005. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2005.

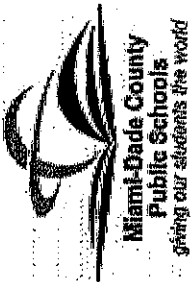
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding the *Reading First* grant in the approximate amount of \$11,603, 479 for the grant period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006;
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.

AMC:mgl

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MI-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: Reading First Grant

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2005 Ending June 30, 2006 (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 | 11,144,032.62 | 5,934,499.00 | 1,219,947.00 | | 3,409,413.00 | 580,173.62 | |
| SUPPORT SERVICES: | | | | | | | | |
| Pupil Personnel Services | 6100 | | | | | | | |
| Instructional Media Services | 6200 | | | | | | | |
| Instruction & Curriculum Development | 6300 | | | | | | | |
| Instructional Staff Training | 6400 | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 | | | | |
| Board of Education | 7100 | | | | | | | |
| General Administration | 7200 | 453,447.00* | | | | | | 453,447.00* |
| 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 | | 11,603,479.62 | 5,934,499.00 | 1,219,947.00 | 6,000.00 | 3,409,413.00 | 580,173.62 | 453,447.00 |

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 453,447

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By _____
 Division of Budget _____
 Agenda Item C-86 Board Meeting of July 13, 2005 (Date)
 (Number)