

August 24, 2005

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration and Community Services

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE)
FOR FUNDING THE FLORIDA INCLUSION NETWORK PROJECT,
UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT
(IDEA), PART B**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During the 1992-1993 school year, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services initiated the development of Florida's Exceptional Student Education Strategic Plan. Within the Plan, the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project was established. The Project coordinates activities of regional facilitators, assists with the implementation of effective instructional practices, coordinates statewide training, provides assistance for on-going implementation of the revised Exceptional Student Education/Florida Education Finance Program funding model, and maintains records of the status of inclusion within the District. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach, and Psychological Services, supports the national trend of inclusion of students with disabilities and is committed to providing training and technical support services to implement inclusion models in M-DCPS.

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the FLDOE in the approximate amount of \$212,000, to fund the FIN Project for the grant period of September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2006.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Funds earmarked for the FIN Project in the approximate amount of \$212,000, will support the salary of an instructional support specialist, a secretary, training initiatives, support services, contracted services, printing, supplies, equipment, software, and travel expenses.

Notification of this grant award was received on July 25, 2005. Reimbursement of grant related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2005. The grant will be managed by the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach, and Psychological Services.

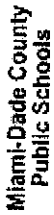
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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), for funding the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project in the approximate amount of \$212,000, for the grant period of September 1, 2005, through August 31, 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

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: IDEA, Part B, Special Project: Florida Inclusion Network

Yes No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning September 1, 2005 (Date) Ending August 31, 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							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	194,177.00	36,673.00			100.00	10,854.00	
Instructional Staff Training	6400	9,549.00		9,549.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	8,274.00*						8,274.00*
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	212,000.00	146,550.00	36,673.00	9,549.00		100.00	10,854.00	8,274.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 8,274

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of September 7, 2005 (Date)