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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THIRTEEN CONTINUATION GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL REFORM (CSR) CONTINUATION PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH BISCAYNE RESEARCH GROUP, INC., ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC., DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER, INC., MATER ACADEMY, INC., AND ROSA PARKS CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title I, Part F, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) authorized funding through a competitive grant process for the Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Continuation Grant program at all eligible K-12 educational agencies with accountability grades in 2004 of C, D, or F. The purpose of the funding is to provide financial incentives for schools to continue with their FLDOE approved comprehensive school reform program. The grant requirements are predicated upon scientifically-based research that leads to coherent schoolwide improvements with emphasis on high level academics and parent involvement. This program supports the District's initiative in implementing the Continuous Improvement Model systemwide. Only schools that currently receive the CSR grant were eligible to apply; all eligible schools applied and received funding. This is the second year of a three-year grant cycle.

In accordance with the funding source guidelines, the external evaluator, Biscayne Research Group, Inc., was approved by the FLDOE to conduct an assessment at eight schools. In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School, Downtown Miami Charter School, Mater Academy East Charter School, Mater Academy Middle Charter School, and Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City submitted grant applications to support their charter school operations.

Authorization is requested to accept thirteen continuation grant awards, in the total amount of \$1,443,000, from the FLDOE for the grant period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, and enter into separate contractual agreements with the selected entities, in the total amount of \$595,000 as designated in the following chart:

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<b>Awarded Schools</b>	<b>Grant Award Amount</b>	<b>Indirect Cost</b>	<b>Contract Amount with Charter Entity</b>	<b>Contract Amount with Biscayne Research Group, Inc.</b>
American Senior High	\$111,000	\$4,439		\$5,000
ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter	\$111,000		\$111,000	
Biscayne Gardens Elementary	\$111,000	\$4,278		\$5,000
Campbell Drive Middle	\$111,000	\$4,566		\$5,000
Charles R. Drew Elementary	\$111,000	\$4,566		\$5,000
Downtown Miami Charter	\$111,000		\$111,000	
Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High	\$111,000	\$4,418		\$5,000
Liberty City Elementary	\$111,000	\$4,428		\$5,000
Mater Academy East Charter	\$111,000		\$111,000	
Mater Academy Middle Charter	\$111,000		\$111,000	
North Dade Middle	\$111,000	\$4,566		\$5,000
Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City	\$111,000		\$111,000	
Dr. Henry W. Mack/West Little River Elementary	\$111,000	\$3,949		\$5,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,443,000</b>	<b>\$35,210</b>	<b>\$555,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

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.

These grants will be managed by the individual schools. This is the second year of the three-year cycle of these continuation grants. No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Official notification of these grant awards was received on October 14, 2005, which is after the start of the grant period. 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 thirteen continuation grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding the Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Continuation Program in the total amount of \$1,443,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, for the following schools:
  - a. American Senior High, in the amount of \$111,000;
  - b. ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., in the amount of \$111,000;
  - c. Biscayne Gardens Elementary, in the amount of \$111,000;
  - d. Campbell Drive Middle, in the amount of \$111,000;
  - e. Charles R. Drew Elementary, in the amount of \$111,000;
  - f. Downtown Miami Charter, Inc., in the amount of \$111,000;
  - g. Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High, in the amount of \$111,000;
  - h. Liberty City Elementary, in the amount of \$111,000;
  - i. Mater Academy, Inc. (2 schools), in the amount of \$222,000;
  - j. North Dade Middle, in the amount of \$111,000;
  - k. Rosa Parks Charter School, Inc., in the amount of \$111,000;  
and
  - l. Dr. Henry W. Mack/West Little River Elementary, in the amount of \$111,000;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements in the total amount of \$595,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, with the following entities:
  - a. ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., in the amount of \$111,000;
  - b. Downtown Miami Charter, Inc., in the amount of \$111,000;
  - c. Mater Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$222,000;
  - d. Rosa Parks Charter Schools, Inc., in the amount of \$111,000;  
and
  - e. Biscayne Research Group, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000, for each of the eight individual schools for a total of \$40,000;
3. retain funds from each grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as approved by the FLDOE, as allowed.
4. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs; and
5. 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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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: Comprehensive School Reform Continuation Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2005 Ending June 30, 2006  
 (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	1,206,329.00	416,448.00	126,075.00	567,441.00		64,309.00	32,056.00	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200	31,332.00	11,493.00					
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	74,240.00	16,573.00	30,723.00		2,100.00		
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200							35,210.00*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700			35,000.00				
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>1,443,000.00</b>	<b>522,020.00</b>	<b>154,141.00</b>	<b>633,164.00</b>		<b>66,409.00</b>	<b>32,056.00</b>	<b>35,210.00</b>

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 35,210

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-79 Board Meeting of November 16, 2005  
 (Number) (Date)