

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (USDOE) UNDER THE PARTNERSHIPS IN CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to accept a highly competitive grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE), in the approximate amount of \$1,513,150, for a four-year award to fund the Partnerships in Character Education Program, for the grant period of October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2009. Building on the District's current character education initiative, the Division of Social Sciences will implement a program that promotes character and ethics education through the adopted nine core values: citizenship, cooperation, fairness, honesty, integrity, kindness, pursuit of excellence, respect, and responsibility.

The Partnerships in Character Education grant, which provides for activities in all District schools, will facilitate the development of a comprehensive, model character and ethics education program that will help students develop socially, ethically, and academically. The grant will reinforce efforts to improve student achievement and literacy, and support the District's new secondary school reform efforts.

Specifically, the Partnerships in Character Education grant will be used to:

- support the development of new curricular resources to teach character and ethics education across the academic disciplines;
- provide regular professional development for teachers and administrators, including training in the foundations of ethical reasoning and teaching strategies to encourage thoughtful classroom discussion on ethical issues; and
- develop home extension activities and parent workshops to support instruction in character and ethics.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive grant funding. Grant funds, in the amount of \$1,450,906, will be used for personnel, contracted services, teacher stipends, teacher substitutes, printing, equipment, and supplies.

C-80

Official notification of this grant award was received on September 30, 2005. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 1, 2005.

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

1. accept a grant award from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) under the Partnerships in Character Education Program, in the approximate amount of \$1,513,150, for the grant period of October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2009;
2. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as approved by the FLDOE, as allowed;
3. extend this program 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.

AMC:mgl

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



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

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Partnerships in Character Education Program
 Grant Period Beginning October 1, 2005 Ending September 30, 2009
 (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							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	867,618.00	164,571.00	40,331.00		18,000.00	11,200.00	
Instructional Staff Training	6400	183,288.00	13,008.00	35,000.00		15,280.00		
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	62,244.00*						62,244.00*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700	400,000.00		400,000.00				
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	1,513,150.00	753,516.00	177,579.00	475,331.00		33,280.00	11,200.00	62,244.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 62,244

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 Division of Budget C-80 Board Meeting of December 14, 2005
 (Number) (Date)