

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE ON DISABILITY, TO CONDUCT AN EVIDENCE-BASED STUDY ON THE MENTOR-MENTEE MODEL IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL INITIATIVE ON PHYSICAL FITNESS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES, AND ACCEPT \$50,000, TO CONDUCT THE STUDY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Disability (OD), to conduct an evidence-based study on the mentor-mentee model in support of the national initiative on physical fitness for children and youth with disabilities, and accept \$50,000, to conduct the study during the 2005-2006 school year. The purpose of this contract is to examine the effectiveness of the mentor-mentee model in attaining physical fitness for children and youth with disabilities in comparison with the mentor-mentee model for children and youth without disabling conditions.

This contractual agreement supports the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Disability's obesity campaign to focus attention on increased physical activity and good nutritional practices targeting children and youth with disabilities. Although the mentor-mentee model for physical fitness has been used extensively with children and youth without disabling conditions, there is limited evidence that it works as well for children and youth with disabilities. Therefore, more evidence-based studies of the efficacy of the mentor-mentee model for children and youth with disabilities is needed. The mentor-mentee model was implemented in Miami-Dade County Public Schools during the 2004-2005 school year under the nationally acclaimed "*I CAN DO IT, YOU CAN DO IT*" Program, in which a student with a disability was paired with an adult, school-site mentor during the school day to increase their individual physical activity levels. The results of this study will be utilized to enhance curriculum development and program improvement.

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The schools selected to participate in this study, Amelia Earhart Elementary, Auburndale Elementary, Tropical Elementary, Centennial Middle, Cutler Ridge Middle, Jose Marti Middle, Palmetto Middle, American Senior, Braddock Senior, South Miami Senior, and Coral Reef Senior were selected based on their high level of involvement with the "*I CAN DO IT, YOU CAN DO IT*" initiative.

This contractual agreement will be managed by the Division of Life Skills and Special Projects. The co-investigators for this research are Dr. Jayne Greenberg, Executive Director, Division of Life Skills and Special Projects, Miami-Dade County Public Schools; Dr. Michael Marge, Program Manager, National Initiative on Physical Fitness for Youth with Disabilities, United States Department of Health and Human Services; and Dr. Pamela Starke-Reid, Health Science Administrator, National Institutes of Health.

There is no cost to the District.

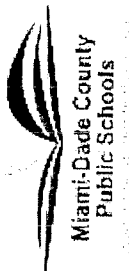
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Disability, to conduct an evidence-based study on the mentor-mentee model in support of the National Initiative on Physical Fitness for Children and Youth with Disabilities;
2. accept \$50,000 to conduct the study, during the 2005-2006 school year;
3. enter into a contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the study; 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.

There is no cost to the District.

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BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



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

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: National Initiative on Physical Fitness
 Grant Period Beginning December 15, 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	5000	15,000.00	1,679.00				5,000.00	
SUPPORT SERVICES:	6100							
Pupil Personnel Services	6200							
Instructional Media Services	6300							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6400			2,000.00				
Instructional Staff Training	7100							
Board of Education	7200							2,057.00*
General Administration	7300							
School Administration	7400							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7500							
Fiscal Services	7600							
Food Services	7700							
Central Services	7800			10,000.00				
Transportation Services	7900			14,264.00				
Operation of Plant	8100							
Maintenance of Plant	9100							
Community Services	9200							
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	50,000.00	15,000.00	1,679.00	26,264.00			5,000.00	2,057.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 2,057

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-84 Board Meeting of December 14, 2005
 (Number) (Date)