

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD
 FROM THE JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION FOR
 FUNDING THE PARENT ACADEMY PROGRAM**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to accept a prestigious grant award from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, in the amount of \$360,000 over two years to fund, The Parent Academy, a District initiative, for the grant period of December 13, 2005, through November 30, 2007. Grant funding will enable The Parent Academy to increase parental involvement and school engagement among parents, and improve parents/guardians' ability to provide care and stimulating environments for their children, particularly in the Overtown and East Little Havana neighborhoods, which are targeted areas for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. By offering classes to parents such as homework assistance and navigating the School District, The Parent Academy attempts to engage parents in their child's academic life. Since May 2005, 166 classes at 72 sites, District-wide, have been offered. The program also seeks to increase family economic stability and family employability. This program will be managed by the Office of Community Services.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Grant funds, in the amount of \$360,000, will be used for personnel, contracted services, marketing and outreach, travel, scholarships for parents to further their life opportunities, facilities rental, equipment, and supplies. Although, a portion of the funds are earmarked for the Overtown and East Little Havana neighborhoods, the grant will also support The Parent Academy activities District-wide. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant award was received on December 14, 2005, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective December 13, 2005.

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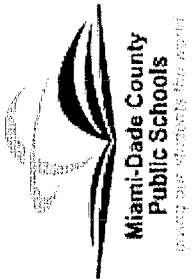
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for funding The Parent Academy Program, in the amount of \$360,000 over two years, for the grant period of December 13, 2005, through November 30, 2007;
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.

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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: John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Parent Academy Program
 Grant Period Beginning December 13, 2005 Ending November 30, 2007
 (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							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700	14,250.00		14,250.00				
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100	89,405.00	16,961.00	34,000.00		12,009.00	3,375.00	190,000.00
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	360,000.00	89,405.00	16,961.00	48,250.00		12,009.00	3,375.00	190,000.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-80 Board Meeting of February 15, 2006
 (Number) (Date)