

March 8, 2006

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO FUND THE PARENT ACADEMY (TPA), AND TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$25,000, to fund The Parent Academy (TPA), for the grant period of October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006. Funds will enable TPA staff to continue to support families by equipping and motivating parents to guide the progress of their children's education. Partnering with Miami-Dade County in this landmark effort is an important element to help close gaps of service, and to better utilize existing resources in the county.

With over 200 classes in 72 sites, TPA will utilize grant funds to partially support salaries of the Dean and Development Officer. These positions provide the infrastructure needed to support fund development, class curriculum development, marketing, registration systems, tracking, monitoring, and evaluating TPA effort.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant award was received on February 1, 2006, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 1, 2005.

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Authorization is also requested to approve a resolution to execute a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$25,000, to provide the related services. These resources reinforce the Education Compact between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Miami-Dade County.

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

1. accept a grant award from Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services to fund The Parent Academy, in the amount of \$25,000, for the grant period of October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program;
3. approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a contractual agreement with the Miami-Dade County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$25,000, to provide the related services; 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.