

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM  
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA FOR FUNDS GIVEN TO THE  
SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT PROJECT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Florida's Positive Behavior Support (FPBS) Project awards grants to school districts that implement school-wide Positive Behavior Support projects, complete yearly action plans, and submit required project data. The FPBS Project is part of the University of South Florida, Department of Child and Family Studies and is funded by the Florida Department of Education. The purpose of this grant is to support Miami-Dade County Public Schools School-wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) Program by providing funds for school-wide activities that increase positive behavior and decrease behavioral referrals and outdoor suspensions.

Secondary schools with high outdoor suspension rates of students with disabilities were given the opportunity to voluntarily submit an application to participate in the implementation of SWPBS. The criteria for the selection process were based on a school readiness checklist and an 80 percent faculty commitment to implement SWPBS at their school. A total of 13 schools are currently implementing SWPBS in the 2005-2006 school year. Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the FPBS Project in the amount of \$15,332 for the grant period of January 1, 2006, through August 31, 2006. The grant is managed by the Division of Special Education.

The FPBS methods are research-based and proven to significantly reduce the occurrence of problem behaviors in the school, resulting in a more positive school climate and increased academic performance. Florida's Positive Behavior Support Project advocates the use of positive behavior interventions and school-based disciplinary strategies that reduce or eliminate the need to use suspension and expulsion as disciplinary options. FPBS is collaborating with several districts to pilot exemplary alternatives to suspension within their schools.

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Funds will be used for student and teacher incentives based on performance outcomes. No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant award. Indirect costs are not allowed. Official notification of this grant award was received on April 6, 2005. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective January 1, 2006.

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

1. accept a grant award from the University of South Florida in the amount of \$15,332, for funds given to the school-wide Positive Behavior Support Project for the grant period of January 1, 2006, through August 31, 2006;
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 Affairs 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: Positive Behavior Support Project - University of South Florida

Grant Period Beginning January 1, 2006 Ending August 31, 2006 (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	15,332.00					15,332.00		
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration	*							*
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	15,332.00					15,332.00		

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-80 Board Meeting of May 10, 2006 (Date)  
 (Number)