

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD  
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE)  
FOR FUNDING UNDER THE VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CHOICE MENTOR DISTRICT PROJECT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) issued a Request for Proposals under the Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project for the purpose of awarding grants to those school districts implementing the public school choice program. The FLDOE will meet the goals and objectives of the Voluntary Public School Program by funding veteran and novice school districts in public school choice program implementation. Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the FLDOE in the amount of \$200,000, to fund the Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project for the grant period of March 20, 2006, through December 31, 2006.

The goals of this grant program are to reinstate, sustain, and expand the degree of high-quality public school choice programs, as well as to expand and replicate successful implementation of public school choice throughout Florida and the nation. The main objective for this program is to provide a wide variety of educational choices for all students.

Funds from this grant will be used to contract with local and national experts in school choice to provide up-to-date information and resources on choice programs. In addition, capitalized software will be purchased to assist in the monitoring of charter schools to enhance accountability and the transportation routing system. Grant funds will be used for personnel, professional development, equipment and supplies.

Official notification of this grant award was received on March 27, 2006, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 20, 2006. This grant will be managed by Charter School Operations.

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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 Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project in the amount of \$200,000, for the grant period of March 20, 2006, through December 31, 2006;
2. retain funds from the grants in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
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

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: Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project

Grant Period Beginning March 20, 2006 Ending December 31, 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							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	195,886.00	7,588.00	43,000.00		5,298.00	100,000.00	
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	4,114.00*						4,114.00*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	200,000.00	40,000.00	7,588.00	43,000.00		5,298.00	100,000.00	4,114.00

\* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 4,114

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division of Budget \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agenda Item C-84 Board Meeting of May 10, 2006  
 (Number) (Date)