

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 FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TITLE II, PART D, ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY (EETT) GRANT PROGRAM "LEVERAGING LAPTOPS: EFFECTIVE MODELS FOR ENHANCING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT"

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Florida Department of Education awards grants to implement the Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Grant Program "Leveraging Laptops: Effective Models for Enhancing Student Achievement." The purpose of this program is to develop effective models for enhancing student achievement through the integration of the laptop computer as a tool for teaching and learning in the classroom. Funding will provide equipment and professional development to implement a one-to-one learning model that will provide technology-enriched instruction and expanded access to technology for all seventh graders at Campbell Drive Middle School and participating seventh grade students at Aspira South Youth Leadership Charter School. Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education in the amount of \$1,012,722, for funding under the Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education through Technology Grant Program, for the grant period of May 5, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The program is managed by the Division of Instructional Technology.

As per the Request for Proposal, charter schools must be included in the program. The student population of Aspira South Youth Leadership Charter School (Aspira South) mirrors the demographic makeup of Campbell Drive Middle School. Below are some of the factors that led to the selection of these schools for participation in this grant:

- FCAT Scores - Approximately 80 percent of Campbell Drive Middle School students scored at Level 1 or Level 2 on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in Reading and Mathematics for the past two years. Approximately 62 percent of Aspira South students scored at those levels during the same period;

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- Mobility Rates - Over 650 students transfer in or out of Campbell Drive Middle School in the course of a year, yielding a high mobility index for this school of 40 percent (versus 27 percent for all middle schools). The mobility index for Aspira South is also high at 36 percent;
- Poverty - More than 96 percent of the students at Aspira South and 90 percent of the students at Campbell Drive Middle School are eligible for free or reduced price lunch;
- Suspension Rates - Over 840 students, or 63 percent of the Campbell Drive Middle School student body, have been on either indoor or outdoor suspension (versus 37 percent for all middle schools); and
- Absentee Rates - Over 670 students, or 50 percent of the Campbell Drive Middle School student body, accumulated 10.5 or more absences during the course of the 2003-2004 school year (versus 34 percent for all middle schools).

Additionally, the selection was based on the school staff's desire to implement a one-to-one program and on the school having a school-wide wireless infrastructure and existing, but limited laptop program. This laptop program provides teachers with laptop computers and professional development, and uses laptop carts to introduce sixth graders to project-based learning.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds will be used for personnel, equipment, and contracted services for evaluation. As required by the Florida Department of Education, the University of North Florida will conduct the evaluation of all funded projects statewide.

Official notification of this grant award was received on April 25, 2006. Reimbursement of the grant-related expenditures is authorized effective May 5, 2006.

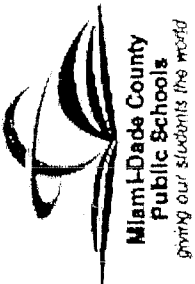
RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the amount of \$1,012,722, for funding under the Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Grant Program "Leveraging Laptops: Effective Models for Enhancing Student Achievement," for the period of May 5, 2006, through June 30, 2007;
2. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC/SJD:rb

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: Title II-D/Enhancing Education Through Technology - "Leveraging Laptops"

Grant Period Beginning May 5, 2006 Ending June 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	701,665.96	50,673.00	15,163.00			2,254.24	633,575.72	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training	279,176.00	65,000.00	17,526.00	196,650.00				
Board of Education								
General Administration	15,596.00*							15,596.00
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services	16,285.00			16,285.00				
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	1,012,722.96	115,673.00	32,689.00	212,935.00		2,254.24	633,575.72	15,596.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 15,596

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-81 Board Meeting of June 14, 2006
 (Number) (Date)