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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 THE FLORIDA INCLUSION NETWORK PROJECT,
UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT
(IDEA), PART B**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the approximate amount of \$212,000, to fund the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project for the grant period of September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007. FIN assists the District and schools in the implementation of the following: expanded models of support for students with disabilities, increased placement of students with disabilities in the general education classroom, research-based effective instructional practices, and family-school-community partnerships. The grant will be managed by the Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach, and Psychological Services.

During the 1992-93 school year, FLDOE, Bureau of Instructional Support and Community Services, initiated the development of Florida's Exceptional Student Education Strategic Plan (Plan). Within the Plan, the FIN Project was established. The project coordinates activities of regional facilitators, assists with the implementation of effective instructional practices, coordinates statewide training, provides assistance for on-going implementation of the revised Exceptional Student Education/Florida Education Finance Program funding model, and maintains records of the status of inclusion within the District. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Office of Special Education, Alternative Outreach, and Psychological Services, supports the national trend of inclusion of students with disabilities and is committed to improving achievement of these students through placement in inclusive settings as well as providing training and technical support services to implement inclusive models in M-DCPS.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Funds will support the salaries of a curriculum support specialist, a secretary, training initiatives, support services, contracted services, printing, supplies, equipment, software, and travel expenses. Official notification of this grant award is anticipated on or about October 1, 2006. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2006.

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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), in the approximate amount of \$212,000, for funding the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project for the grant period of September 1, 2006, through August 31, 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;
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/LCR/BB:jf

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: Florida Inclusion Network
 Grant Period Beginning September 1, 2006 Ending August 31, 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	136,550.00	37,619.00	2,500.00		13,364.00		
Instructional Staff Training	6400	15,348.00		13,000.00			2,348.00	
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	6,619.00*						6,619.00*
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	212,000.00	136,550.00	37,619.00	15,500.00		13,364.00	2,348.00	6,619.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 9,619

Reviewed By: [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-80 Board Meeting of August 2, 2006
 (Number) (Date)