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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PK-3 READY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation in the amount of \$200,000, to receive funds for the implementation of the PK-3 Ready Schools Initiative for the period from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The W. K. Kellogg Foundation awarded grant funding to the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation which in turn is providing funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, to support early intervention as a key element in the improvement of the educational experience and achievement for children. The goal of the PK-3 Ready Schools Initiative is to provide comprehensive early intervention services that address the specialized needs of young children. Through this initiative, the District will increase its capacity for teaching and learning and will build an instructional safety net that reduces the likelihood of early failure and increases the probability of later academic success. This program will be managed by the Division of Early Childhood Programs and supports the Superintendent's initiative of increasing academic achievement of all students.

Further, these funds will allow the strengthening of knowledgeable, supportive school-site administrative leadership through professional development. This leadership is crucial to the development of teams of teachers who collaboratively use research-based strategies to provide quality early learning experiences that build the foundation for later school success. The PK-3 Ready Schools Initiative will improve student achievement by:

- aligning standards, curriculum, instruction and assessment from grades pre-kindergarten through 3rd;
- ensuring pre-kindergarten children have the social and academic skills to transition to kindergarten;
- providing professional development for school-site administrators and teachers;
- creating and supporting communities of learners including parents, administrators, teachers, and allied educational staff; and
- integrating the arts as a cross-cutting theme in the PK-3 curriculum.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the funding. Funds will be used to provide salaries and fringe benefits for administrative and clerical support staff, as well as supplies.

Official notification of this contractual agreement was received on August 10, 2006, which is after the start of the contractual agreement period. Reimbursement of expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2006.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Early Childhood Initiative Foundation to receive funds for the implementation of the PK-3 Ready Schools Initiative in the amount of \$200,000, for the period of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007;
2. extend this contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the contracting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. 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.

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: PK-3 Ready Schools Initiative

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2006 Ending June 30, 2007 (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	144,422.00	41,164.00	5,000.00		9,414.00		
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
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	144,422.00	41,164.00	5,000.00		9,414.00		

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By *[Signature]*
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-84 Board Meeting of October 11, 2006 (Date)