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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FLORIDA PROBLEM SOLVING/RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION STATEWIDE PROJECT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS**

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the amount of \$100,000, to fund the Florida Problem Solving/Response to Intervention Statewide Project, for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. The purpose of the grant is to provide six demonstration schools training and technical assistance to implement data collection and analysis and data-based problem solving to enhance students' learning and behavioral outcomes. The grant will be managed by the Office of Special Education and Psychological Services.

In order to select pilot schools, District staff first reviewed a list of elementary schools that were implementing the Reading First program. From this list, staff nominated two elementary schools from each Regional Center – one that was implementing the early literacy support model, entitled Student Teacher Support Team (ST2), and one that was not. The Regional Superintendents then selected the final schools. Once the pilot schools were selected, the comparison schools were carefully matched based on demographic variables.

<b>Pilot Schools</b>	<b>Comparison Schools</b>
Ethel Beckford/Richmond Elementary	Norwood Elementary
Ben Franklin Community	Fulford Elementary
Barbara Hawkins Elementary	Madie Ives Elementary
Miami Shores Elementary	Linda Lentin K-8 Center
Natural Bridge Elementary	Orchard Villa Elementary
Pine Lake Elementary	Biscayne Gardens Elementary

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds will be used for a project coach, hourly personnel, fringe benefits, and travel.

Official notification of this grant award was received on April 26, 2007. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2007.

**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 Florida Problem Solving/Response to Intervention Statewide Project, in the amount of \$100,000, for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
3. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
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.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM



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Yes  No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?

Entitlement Grant  Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Florida Problem Solving/Response to Intervention Statewide Project

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2007 Ending June 30, 2008 (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	75,691.00	21,309.00	3,000.00				
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	100,000.00	75,691.00	21,309.00	3,000.00				

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-85 Board Meeting of July 11, 2007 (Date)  
 (Number)