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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 VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE (VPSC) MENTOR DISTRICT 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 Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Project, for the grant period of April 12, 2007, through September 30, 2007. The grant will be managed by Specialized Programs-Charter School Operations.

The goals of the 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 objectives for this program are to provide a wide variety of educational choices for all students, substantially impact students in low-performing and under-enrolled schools, and increase student achievement.

Eligible mentor districts that receive a grant under the Voluntary Public School Choice Program may receive up to \$100,000 and may use the grant funds for:

- Maintaining, improving and expanding the current school choice program;
- Funding public elementary schools or secondary schools that students choose under the program;
- Providing transportation to students in the school choice program;
- Capacity-enhancing activities that enable high-demand public elementary schools or secondary schools to accommodate transfer requests under the program;
- Executing public education campaigns to inform students and parents about the program;
- Assisting a mentee district; and
- Other costs that are reasonably necessary to implement the program.

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Official notification of this grant award was received on June 13, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective April 12, 2007.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorizes 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 total amount of \$100,000, for the grant period of April 12, 2007, through September 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;
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/MB/EOW/TP:elg

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 April 12, 2007 Ending September 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:	6100							
Pupil Personnel Services	6200							
Instructional Media Services	6300							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6400	20,000.00	4,174.00	18,000.00		4,311.00	52,000.00	
Instructional Staff Training	7100							
Board of Education	7200	1,515.00*						1,515.00*
General Administration	7300							
School Administration	7400							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7500							
Fiscal Services	7600							
Food Services	7700							
Central Services	7800							
Transportation Services	7900							
Operation of Plant	8100							
Maintenance of Plant	9100							
Community Services	9200							
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	100,000.00	20,000.00	4,174.00	18,000.00		4,311.00	52,000.00	1,515.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$1,515.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-95 Board Meeting of July 11, 2007
 (Number) (Date)