

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent  
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 THE READING FIRST PROGRAM**

**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 approximate amount of \$9,282,783, to fund the Reading First Program at selected eligible elementary schools for grades K-3 for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through August 30, 2008. Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the FLDOE authorized funding through a competitive grant process to all districts previously funded in the 2005-2006 school year. As this is the third year of a continuation grant, the participating schools cannot be altered. This program assists Florida schools to implement scientifically-based reading methods in classrooms to ensure students are proficient readers by the end of grade 3. The grant will be managed by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and supports the District's goal of ensuring achievement of high academic standards by all students.

From the list of 153 eligible schools based on *Reading First* requirements, the 89 selected elementary schools were chosen in 2005-2006 using any of the following criteria:

- School Improvement Zone and Stellar schools;
- Schools with more than 15% of third grade students in Levels 1 and 2;
- Schools previously implementing Direct Instruction (DI) utilizing *SRA Reading Mastery*; and
- Low-performing schools that did not have a full-time reading coach.

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Participating Elementary Schools/K-8 Centers

Auburndale	Joella Good	Opa Locka
Avocado	John G. DuPuis	Orchard Villa
Barbara Hawkins	Kelsey Pharr	Parkview
Benjamin Franklin	Kendale Lakes	Parkway
Brentwood	Lake Stevens	Paul Lawrence Dunbar
Broadmoor	Lakeview	Phyllis Miller
Bunche Park	Laura C. Saunders	Phillis Wheatley
Campbell Drive	Leisure City	Pine Lake
Caribbean	Lenora B. Smith	R.R. Moton
Carol City	Liberty City	Rainbow Park
Charles Wyche	Liberty City Charter	Redland
Citrus Grove	Lillie C. Evans	Riverside
Coconut Grove	Little River	Santa Clara
Colonial Drive	Mae M. Walters	Scott Lake
Comstock	Maya Angelou	Shadowlawn
Dr. Henry Mack	Melrose	Shenandoah
Edison Park	Miami Gardens	Skyway
Everglades	Miami Heights	Snapper Creek
Fienberg-Fisher	Miami Park	South Hialeah
Florida City	Miami Shores	Springview
Frances S. Tucker	Morningside	Thena Crowder
Fredrick Douglas	Myrtle Grove	Toussaint L'Ouverture
George Washington Carver	Naranja	Tropical
Golden Glades	Nathan B. Young	Twin Lakes
Gratigny	Natural Bridge	Van E. Blanton
Greenglade	Norland	W.J. Bryan
Henry S. Reeves	North County	West Homestead
Holmes	North Miami	Westview
Hubert O. Sibley	Olinda	William Chapman
James Bright	Olympia Heights	

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive these grant funds. Grant funds in the amount of \$9,282,783, will continue to support the 77 K-3 reading coaches in all participating schools, hire 8 curriculum support specialists, purchase K-3 classroom libraries, provide professional development, and purchase required assessments and interventions.

Official notification of this award was received on August 15, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period. 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 Reading First Program in the approximate amount of \$9,282,783, for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through August 30, 2008;
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.

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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: Reading First Grant

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2007 Ending August 30, 2008

(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	8,110,664.00	5,815,450.00	1,650,270.00	50,000.00		130,804.00	464,140.00	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	787,500.00	85,208.00	21,000.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	278,412.00*						278,412.00*
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	9,282,784.00	6,602,950.00	1,735,478.00	71,000.00		130,804.00	464,140.00	278,412.00

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$278,412.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

*[Signature]*  
Reviewed By Erin Smith  
Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-83 Board Meeting of October 17, 2007  
(Number) (Date)