

October 3, 2007

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 UNDER THE DIGITAL DIVIDE "BRIDGING THE TECHNOLOGY GAP" PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE 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 \$300,000, under the Digital Divide "Bridging the Technology Gap" pilot program for the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program for the grant period of July 1, 2006, through December 31, 2007. The purpose of the grant is to implement a pilot project designed to assist students participating in the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program and their families to purchase discounted computers and Internet access services, and to provide training for parents and students on the use of technology. The funding for this grant is Specific Appropriation 116, Grants and Aides – School Instruction Enhancements. As a condition to accept the grant award, the 5000 Role Models must use the computer vendor selected by the State of Florida's Digital Divide Council. The vendor will be identified after the Digital Divide Council completes a Request for Interest (RFI) process. The grant will be managed by the 5000 Role Models of Excellence and supports the District's goal to ensure achievement of high academic standards by all students.

The "Bridging the Technology Gap" pilot program will be implemented in all 29 "D" and "F" middle schools that participate in the 5000 Role Model Program. The student selection process will be based upon the following criteria: students must be enrolled in the 5000 Role Model Program; eligible to receive free/reduced lunch; and complete all technology training requirements. Families will have to complete at least 90% of the training courses provided by The Parent Academy to meet established requirements. If the number of qualifying students exceeds the amount of computers available, all qualifying students will be entered into a random selection.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive these grant funds. The grant will be used to fund a portion of the salary of a project coordinator, approximately 1,500 computers, training, and program evaluation. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant award was received on June 22, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursements of grant-related expenditures are authorized effective July 1, 2006.

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 \$300,000, under the Digital Divide "Bridging the Technology Gap" pilot program through the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program for the grant period of July 1, 2006, through December 31, 2007;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting 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.

AMC:mlr

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: Digital Divide "Bridging the Technology Gap"

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2006 Ending June 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:								
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
5000								
Pupil Personnel Services								
6100								
Instructional Media Services								
6200								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
6300								
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	300,000.00	8,820.00		25,296.00			265,884.00	
9100								
Debt.....								
9200								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	300,000.00	8,820.00		25,296.00			265,884.00	

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature] Agenda Item C-86 Board Meeting of October 17, 2007
Division of Budget (Number) (Date)