

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) TO FUND THE FLORIDA INCLUSION NETWORK PROJECT (FIN), UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA), PART B

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 \$212,000, to fund the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Part B for the grant period of September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008. The purpose of this funding is to maintain a statewide network of facilitators, consultants, and practitioners to assist school districts in the implementation of effective and inclusive educational practices. The grant will be managed by the Office of Special Education and Psychological Services and supports the District's goal for inclusion of students with disabilities.

FIN's Miami-Dade office assists in the implementation of expanded models of support for students with disabilities, increased placement of students with disabilities in the general education classroom, research-based instructional practices, and family-school-community partnerships. The project also coordinates activities of regional facilitators and professional development, provides assistance for implementation of the revised Exceptional Student Education/Florida Education Finance Program funding model, and maintains records of the status of inclusion within the District.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Funds will support the salaries of an instructional support specialist, professional development, substitutes and stipends, hourly personnel, fringe benefits, contracted services, printing, supplies, equipment, software, and travel.

Official notification of this grant award is anticipated on or about October 1, 2007. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2007.

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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), to fund the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project in the approximate amount of \$212,000, for the grant period of September 1, 2007, through August 31, 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: Florida Inclusion Network

Grant Period Beginning September 1, 2007 Ending August 31, 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	202,911.00	22,215.00	22,300.00		30,896.00		
Instructional Staff Training	6400	1,500.00					1,500.00	
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	7,589.00*						7,589.00*
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		212,000.00	22,215.00	22,300.00		30,896.00	1,500.00	7,589.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$7,589.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By Eugenio Sanchez de la Cruz
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-90 Board Meeting of October 17, 2007
 (Number) (Date)