

October 3, 2007

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MIAMI-DADE/MONROE TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO SUPPORT LITERACY DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (Coalition), to receive funds in the approximate amount of \$71,241, for the grant period of October 18, 2007, through June 30, 2008. The Coalition received a federal grant under the Early Reading First Program to implement the Florida Center for Reading Research's Literacy Express Curriculum at five child care centers. The purpose of the grant received by the Coalition is to develop pre-kindergarten children's early reading, language and cognitive skills through small group instruction so that children are better prepared to transition to public school. In order to achieve grant deliverables, the Coalition has entered into a partnership with the District for delivery of services, including the hiring of a curriculum support specialist to work with the centers. The contract will be managed by the Division of Early Childhood Programs, and supports Ready Schools Miami.

Under the contract, the District will receive funds to hire a curriculum support specialist to serve as a literacy mentor/coach for the program to provide professional development for approximately 20 pre-kindergarten teachers in language and early reading teaching strategies.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Funds will cover salary and fringe benefits for one Curriculum Support Specialist.

Official notification of this contractual agreement was received on August 15, 2007.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the Early Learning Coalition Miami-Dade/Monroe to receive funds to support literacy development in Early Childhood Programs, in the approximate amount of \$71,241, for the grant period of October 18, 2007, through June 30, 2008;
2. extend this contractual agreement 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.

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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: Early Learning Coalition

Grant Period Beginning October 18, 2007 Ending June 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	54,250.00	16,991.00					
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	71,241.00	54,250.00	16,991.00					

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 By: *[Signature]*
 Chairman of Budget

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Agenda Item C-93 Board Meeting of October 17, 2007
 (Number) (Date)