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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USDOJ) FOR FUNDING THE GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING (GREAT) 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 United States Department of Justice, in the approximate amount of \$149,445, for the Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) Program for the period of June 1, 2007, through November 30, 2008. The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, awards grants to implement the GREAT Program, which includes a research-based gang prevention curriculum. The GREAT Program will be administered in twelve middle schools and six K-8 centers during the 2007-2008 academic year and will also include a summer program for students and an evening program for families. The schools were selected based on high percentage of at-risk students, students who have poor academic performance, high truancy rates, or operate in neighborhoods with high incidences of crime. The program is managed by the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department and supports the District's safe schools initiative.

The objectives of the GREAT Program are to:

- provide youth training in the areas of decision-making, goal-setting and communication;
- prevent school and home-based violent crime by youth, prevent gang involvement while developing a positive relationship among law enforcement, families, and young people to create safer communities;
- enhance communities by strengthening families through engaging parents and youth in cooperative lessons designed to facilitate better communication among family members and improve family decision-making skills; and
- provide students with positive activities during the summer months while evaluating educational goals and objectives; to facilitate an overall increase in youth opportunities for social, cognitive, and interpersonal growth.

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As a condition to receive the grant funding, the District committed an in-kind match of a portion of the salaries and fringe benefits for three School Resource Officers, valued at \$86,798. Grant funds will be used to cover the balance of the salaries and fringe benefits of the two School Resource Officers, supplies, contracted services, and student incentives.

Official notification of this grant award was received on August 31, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period.

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

1. accept a grant award from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) for funding the Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) Program, in the approximate amount of \$149,445, for the grant period of June 1, 2007, through November 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: Project G.R.E.A.T.

Grant Period Beginning June 1, 2007 Ending November 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	144,871.00	77,600.00	25,787.00	17,000.00		24,484.00		
Instructional Media Services .....	6200								
Instruction & Curriculum Development .....	6300								
Instructional Staff Training .....	6400								
Board of Education .....	7100								
General Administration .....	7200	4,574.00*							4,574.00*
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		149,445.00	77,600.00	25,787.00	17,000.00		24,484.00		4,574.00

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$4,574.00

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-94 Board Meeting of October 17, 2007  
 (Number) (Date)