

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 SCHOOL SAFETY/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICE 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 in the approximate amount of \$398,931, from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), to fund the School Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Emergency Notification Service Program, for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. The 2007 General Appropriations Act, Specific Appropriation 9C, authorized the FLDOE to provide funds to be used towards the purchase of a school safety/emergency mass notification service that must be fully implemented to provide service during the 2007-08 school year. The purpose is to enhance the safety of school children, parents and staff in emergency situations, such as an impending hurricane, fire, homeland security incident, or other critical school safety events. The program is managed by the Office of Public Relations and supports the District's efforts to improve safety throughout the District.

Currently, the District has a services agreement with The NTI Group, Inc., the vendor that provides a proprietary communication service called Connect-ED®, which is one of the qualifying services designated by the FLDOE. The system provides multi-lingual communication and has the ability to notify parents, school and District administrators, teachers, and emergency responders of critical safety issues. The Chief Financial Officer of The NTI Group, Inc., is Mr. Bruce Wormar.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Grant funds will be used for contracted services. Indirect cost is not allowed.

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Official notification of this grant award was received on October 30, 2007. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effectively 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 School Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Emergency Notification Service Program, in the approximate amount of \$398,931, for the grant period of July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008;
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 amount 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?

Non-Entitlement Grant
 Entitlement Grant/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: School Safety/Emergency Preparedness - Emergency Notification Service

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 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							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	398,931.00*		398,931.00				*
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	398,931.00			398,931.00				

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By MF Egonia Acosta de Lora
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of December 19, 2007
 (Number) (Date)