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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001, TITLE II, PART A TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING FUND**

**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 \$23,223,792, to fund the Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund for the grant period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The grant is jointly managed by the Office of Professional Development, School Operations, and Human Resources.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund was authorized for the purpose of improving teaching and learning by providing activities such as:

- recruitment and retention of highly-qualified teachers and school administrators;
- class size reduction, particularly in the early grades; and
- professional development and related activities that contribute directly to improving both teacher performance and student achievement.

The Title II Part A allocation for 2007-2008 was \$22,836,673. This year's allocation of \$23,223,792 represents an increase of 1.7%. The grant will fund activities such as:

- **class-size reduction** at C, D, and F schools;
- **professional development for teachers** focused on content knowledge and teaching practice of sufficient duration and intensity so as to have lasting impact on teaching performance and student achievement;

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- **professional development for school administrators and teachers** that addresses individual teacher and school administrator growth, enhanced pedagogical as well as content knowledge, reflective practice, collaborative learning communities and active mentoring within the context of improving learning opportunities and outcomes;
- **add-on and alternative certification programs** for teachers, particularly in critical shortage areas;
- **recruitment and retention of highly-qualified candidates** for instructional and school administrative positions, particularly: a) candidates from historically under-represented populations; and b) placement in traditionally difficult-to-staff schools; and
- **Programs to assist paraprofessionals meet the definition of “highly qualified”** in compliance with Section 1119 of Title II Part A.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Funds will cover salaries, contracted services, travel, printing and duplication, supplies, equipment, stipends and other costs associated with stipends and reimbursements for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals.

Official notification of this grant is expected on or before September 1, 2008, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2008.

**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 for funding under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund in the approximate amount of \$23,223,792 for the grant period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009;
2. extend the program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
3. retain funds from the grant in an amount not exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate as allowed and approved by the FLDOE; and
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in such 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?  
 Yes  No Entitlement Grant  
 Yes  No Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Title II Part A Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2008 (Date) Ending June 30, 2009 (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	17,363,156.00	13,616,586.00	3,746,570.00					
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	5,023,380.00	848,780.00	1,000,132.00		100,000.00		
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	837,256.00*						837,256.00*
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	23,223,792.00	16,691,054.00	4,595,350.00	1,000,132.00		100,000.00		837,256.00

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$837,256.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By: *MS Grante*  
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-91 Board Meeting of June 18, 2008 (Date)

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