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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) TO FUND THE FLORIDA INCLUSION NETWORK (FIN) PROJECT, 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, 2008, through August 31, 2009. The grant will be managed by the Office of Special Education and Psychological Services and supports the District's goal to ensure achievement of high academic standards for all students.

The purpose of the grant is to assist schools in the implementation of effective and inclusive educational practices, specifically, inclusion of students in the least restrictive environment and providing specialized instruction to improve student performance. The Miami-Dade office of FIN 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, provides professional development, 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, fringe benefits, printing, supplies, and travel.

Official notification of this grant award is anticipated on or about September 1, 2008. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2008.

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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, 2008, through August 31, 2009;
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.

AMC/MLR:ms

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
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Florida Inclusion Network

Grant Period Beginning September 1, 2008 Ending August 31, 2009
 (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	161,000.00	25,598.00	7,500.00		7,813.00		
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
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			2,500.00				
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	212,000.00	161,000.00	25,598.00	10,000.00		7,813.00		7,589.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$7,589.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: August 4, 2008
 Division of Budget [Signature] Agenda Item C-81 Board Meeting of August 4, 2008
 (Date) (Date)