

Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A SUB-AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA (USF), FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE), FOR FUNDING TO FUND PARTICIPATION AS A DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE FLORIDA PROBLEM-SOLVING/RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION STATEWIDE PROJECT

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 sub-agreement with the University of South Florida (USF) funded through a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the approximate amount of \$100,000, to fund the District's participation as a demonstration school district in the Florida Problem-Solving/Response to Intervention Statewide Project, for the grant period of August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2009. The purpose of the grant is to provide six demonstration schools with training and technical assistance to implement data collection, analysis and data-based problem-solving to enhance students' learning and behavioral outcomes. 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 by all students.

This is the second year of implementation. Six pilot schools were selected in 2007-2008 based on participation in the Reading First program, geographic distribution (by regional center), and implementation of the early literacy support model, Student Teacher Support Team (ST2), and input from Regional Superintendents. Once pilot schools were selected, six comparison schools were selected based on carefully matched demographic variables. The six pilot and six comparison schools are as follows:

Pilot Schools	Comparison Schools
Ethel Beckford/Richmond Elementary	Norwood Elementary
Ben Franklin Community	Fulford Elementary
Barbara Hawkins Elementary	Madie Ives Elementary
Miami Shores Elementary	Linda Lentin K-8 Center
Natural Bridge Elementary	Orchard Villa Elementary
Pine Lake Elementary	Biscayne Gardens Elementary

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive funding. Grant funds will be used for an office manager, hourly personnel, intervention materials and software, fringe benefits, and travel. Indirect costs are not allowed.

Official assurance of continuation funding for this grant award was received on June 25, 2008. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective August 1, 2008.

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

1. enter into a sub-agreement with the University of South Florida (USF) funded through a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), in the approximate amount of \$100,000, to fund participation as a demonstration school district in the Florida Problem- Solving/Response to Intervention Statewide Project for the grant period of August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2009.
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 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

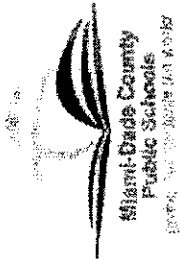
BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?
 Yes No

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Florida Department of Education/University of South Florida (USF)

Grant Period Beginning August 1, 2008 Ending July 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	68,302.00	20,652.00	2,000.00		9,046.00		
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
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	100,000.00	68,302.00	20,652.00	2,000.00		9,046.00		

Approved by: [Signature] Superintendent of Schools
 Approved by: [Signature] Board Chairman
 Date: August 4, 2008
 Agency: [Signature] (Date)