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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)
FOR FUNDING THE READING FIRST 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 Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), in the approximate amount of \$7,542,262, to fund the Reading First Program at selected eligible elementary schools and K-8 Centers for grades K-3 for the grant period of July 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009. Under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the FLDOE authorized funding through a competitive grant process to all school districts previously funded in the 2007-2008 school year. This program assists Florida schools to implement scientifically-based reading methods in classrooms to ensure students are proficient readers by the end of grade 3. This is the fourth year of a six-year federal through state grant, which includes a declining funding model. If the United States Department of Education (USDOE) appropriates funding for fiscal years 2009 and 2010, the District will receive 50% of the original award (\$5,801,740) in year 5 and 35% (\$4,061,218) in year 6. If no money is appropriated by USDOE, this will be the final year of the grant. The grant will be managed by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and supports the District's goal of ensuring achievement of high academic standards by all students.

In accordance with the original grant application, the schools identified and approved by FLDOE in 2005-2006 cannot be modified. The following 88 elementary schools were chosen based on student needs:

Participating Elementary Schools/K-8 Centers

Auburndale	Hubert O. Sibley	Olinda
Avocado	James H. Bright	Olympia Heights
Barbara Hawkins	Joella C. Good	Opa-Locka
Benjamin Franklin	John G. Dupuis	Orchard Villa
Brentwood	Kelsey L. Pharr	Parkview
Broadmoor	Kendale Lakes	Paul Lawrence Dunbar
Bunche Park	Lake Stevens	Phillis Wheatley

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Campbell Drive	Lakeview	Phyllis R. Miller
Caribbean	Laura C. Saunders	Pine Lake
Carol City	Leisure City K-8	R. R. Moton
Charles D. Wyche	Lenora B. Smith	Rainbow Park
Citrus Grove	Liberty City	Redland
Coconut Grove	Lillie C. Evans	Riverside
Coconut Palm K-8 Academy	Little River	Santa Clara
Colonial Drive	Mae M. Walters	Scott Lake
Comstock	Maya Angelou	Shadowlawn
Dr. Henry W. Mack	Melrose	Shenandoah
Edison Park	Miami Gardens	Skyway
Everglades K-8	Miami Heights	Snapper Creek
Fienberg/Fisher K-8	Miami Park	South Hialeah
Florida City	Miami Shores	Springview
Frances S. Tucker	Morningside	Thena Crowder
Frederick Douglass	Myrtle Grove	Toussaint L' Overture
George Washington Carver	Nathan B. Young	Tropical
Golden Glades	Norland	Twin Lakes
Gratigny	Natural Bridge	Van E. Blanton
Greenglade	Norland	W. J. Bryan
Henry E. S. Reeves	North County	West Homestead
Holmes	North Miami	Carrie P. Meek Westview
		William A. Chapman

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive these grant funds. Grant funds in the amount of \$7,542,262, will continue to support a project manager, 81 K-3 reading coaches in all participating schools, 8 curriculum support specialists, a secretary, K-3 classroom libraries, professional development, and required assessments and interventions.

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 (FLDOE), for funding under the Reading First Program in the approximate amount of \$7,542,262, for the grant period of July 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.

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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: Reading First Program

Grant Period Beginning July 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	7,130,294.00	5,159,288.00	1,585,023.00	6,000.00		153,715.14	226,267.86	
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	165,140.00	12,324.00	32,816.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	246,828.00*						246,828.00*
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	7,542,262.00	5,279,288.00	1,597,347.00	38,816.00		153,715.14	226,267.86	246,828.00

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$246,828.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature] Agenda Item C-80 Board Meeting of October 15, 2008
 Division of Budget (Number) (Date)