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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE MIAMI PARTNERSHIP TRUANCY REDUCTION PLAN / TRUANCY COURT PILOT PROGRAM**

**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 contract, in the approximate amount of \$166,098, with the City of Miami for the grant period of August 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. The City of Miami submitted a proposal to The Children's Trust to fund the Service Partnership Program in collaboration with School Operations/Special Programs and the Miami-Dade Schools Police. Departments were identified based on their participation with the program during the 2007-2008 school year and presently the 2008-2009 school year with the City of Miami. This grant will be managed by School Operations, Special Projects, and supports the Education Compact with the City of Miami.

During the 2007-2008 school year, the Miami Partnership Truancy Reduction Plan/Truancy Court Pilot Program was implemented in five schools within the City of Miami. The schools are Miami Jackson Senior High School, Allapattah Middle School, Miami Senior High School, Citrus Grove Middle School, and Shenandoah Middle School. Schools were identified by attendance data and then selected by the funder. The Service Partnership includes the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, Miami-Dade Schools Police Department, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and Families, and other community agencies. M-DCPS received funding from a Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant and the City of Miami received funding from The Childrens Trust to fund this pilot effort. This program is a truancy prevention, intervention court program with a multidisciplinary approach to improving student attendance and academic performance.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant funding. Funds will cover salaries for two full-time teacher/counselors, over-time/part-time hourly and fringe benefits for Miami-Dade Schools Police for the purpose of conducting locates of students/families for the delivery of truancy child study team meeting notifications and for Truancy Court Summons. In addition, the school resource officer will follow-up with the parents/guardians of students who did not attend a scheduled truancy child study team meeting. Funds will also cover part-time hourly funds for teacher/counselors to conduct parent workshops and engagement activities, and travel for two teacher/counselors to attend the Attendance Symposium.

Official notification of this grant award was received on August 1, 2008, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective August 1, 2008. Indirect costs are not allowed.

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

1. enter into a contract with City of Miami for funding the Service Partnership Program in the amount of \$166,098, for the grant period of August 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009;
2. extend this contract and 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



Yes  
 No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?  
 Entitlement Grant  
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: City of Miami-Miami Partnership of the Truancy Reduction Plan/Truancy Court Pilot Program

Grant Period Beginning August 1, 2008 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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100	91,871.00	32,215.00	2,000.00				
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	33,260.00	6,752.00					
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	166,098.00	125,131.00	38,967.00	2,000.00				

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By: *[Signature]*  
 Division of Budget  
 Agenda Item C-85 Board Meeting of October 15, 2008 (Date)  
 (Number)