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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THREE GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FLORIDA'S DIFFERENTIATED ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL REGIONAL SUPPORT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to accept three grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the approximate amount of \$557,328, for the grant period of August 25, 2008, through June 30, 2009. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for regional support for the implementation of Florida's Differentiated Accountability Model Regional Support. Florida is one of six states nationally selected by the United States Department of Education to participate in this program intended to align and integrate Florida's school grading accountability system with the federal accountability system under the No Child Left Behind Act. This federal pilot program provides targeted assistance to schools in need of improvement. This grant will be managed by School Operations.

In order to implement this program, FLDOE established five regional support teams, located in specific geographical areas of the state, to provide a regional support system intended to maximize the effectiveness of the support given to schools. The regional support teams include: a Regional State Director who oversees and provides services that will enhance the overall school improvement efforts in the region; and Regional State Facilitators who include experts in primary and secondary education who will assist in the development and evaluation of district and school improvement plans and monitor the implementation of interventions stipulated in the Differentiated Accountability Model. The targeted support services will be focused on the nine primary areas of school improvement that include school-wide planning, leadership development, teacher training, curriculum, school choice, tutoring and monitoring progress.

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The Differentiated Accountability Model will provide 1,081 Florida schools with focused levels of support based on the school's grade and the percentage of federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria not met for two or more consecutive years.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will serve as the fiscal agent for Region 5. Grant funds will cover the salaries and fringe benefits for five full-time employees selected by FLDOE, to implement the program in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, travel reimbursement, supplies, printing and duplicating. Pursuant to the grant requirements, as determined by the FLDOE, the Regional State Director may be eligible to receive a bonus payment up to \$10,000, in 2009-2010.

Funds in the amount of \$557,328, have been allocated from the following sources:

	Grant Period	Grant Amount
Title I, Part A-School Improvement	August 25, 2008 – June 30, 2009	\$ 238,584
Title II, Part A State Grants	August 25, 2008 – June 30, 2009	\$ 238,584
IDEA- Part B, Discretionary	August 25, 2008 – June 30, 2009	\$ 80,160
TOTAL		\$557,328

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant award. Official notification of this grant award is expected to be received on October 7, 2008, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective August 25, 2008.

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

1. accept three grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding the implementation of Florida's Differentiated Model Regional Support in the approximate amount of \$557,328, for the grant period of August 25, 2008, through June 30, 2009;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs; 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: Differentiated Accountability Model

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	5000							
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
School Administration	7300	398,687.00	121,644.00	32,000.00		5,120.00		
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	557,451.00	398,687.00	121,644.00	32,000.00		5,120.00		

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By *Shawn Engman* Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: _____
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-88 Board Meeting of October 15, 2008
 (Number) (Date)