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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL PLANNING, PROGRAM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT 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 \$175,000, to fund the Public Charter School Federal Planning, Program Design and Implementation Grant Program for Lawrence Academy Elementary Charter School for the grant period of September 5, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

The FLDOE issued a Request for Applications under the 2008-2011 Charter School Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants to charter schools partnering with local educational agencies in order to provide a high quality education for all students. Grant funds will be used to support planning, program design and implementation activities and to supplement the level of funds that would be made available from non-federal sources.

In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the charter schools that receive such grants. The Board's approval of the recommended action would not constitute an endorsement of the grant or its intended use. It would merely satisfy the Board's requirement under Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$175,000, will be distributed as follows:

Charter School	Implementation Grant Period	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Net Grant Amount
Lawrence Academy Elementary Charter School	September 5, 2008 – September 30, 2009	\$175,000	\$2,547	\$172,453

Official notification of this grant award was received on October 13, 2008, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 5, 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 Public Charter School Federal Planning, Program Design and Implementation Grant Program in the approximate amount of \$175,000;
2. disburse grant funds in the approximate amount of \$172,453 to Lawrence Academy, Inc. on behalf of Lawrence Academy Elementary Charter School for the grant period of September 5, 2008, through September 30, 2009;
3. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
4. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
5. 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



GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Lawrence Academy Elementary Charter School, Inc.

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

Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning September 5, 2008 Ending September 30, 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	172,453.00			172,453.00				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education								
General Administration								2,547.00*
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	175,000.00			172,453.00				2,547.00

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$2,547.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature] Agenda Item C-83 Board Meeting of November 18, 2008
Division of Budget (Number) (Date)