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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD  
FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE)  
TO FUND THE FLORIDA INCLUSION NETWORK (FIN)  
PROJECT UNDER THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
EDUCATION ACT (IDEA), PART B**

**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 \$212,000, to fund the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Part B, for the grant period of September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2010. The purpose of the grant is to assist schools in the implementation of effective and inclusive educational practices specifically inclusion of students in the least restrictive environment, and to provide specialized instruction to improve student performance. The goal is to ensure that students with disabilities spend 80 percent or more of their time with non-disabled peers. The grant is managed by the Educational Services and Division of Special Education and supports the District's goal to ensure achievement of high academic standards for all students.

The 2008-2009 grant allocation for the FIN Project was \$212,000. The FIN/Miami-Dade office supports the implementation of expanded models of services for students with disabilities, increased placement of students with disabilities in the general education classroom, research-based instructional practices, and family-school-community partnerships. The project also coordinates activities, provides professional development, and maintains records of the status of inclusion within the District.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Funds will support the salaries and fringe benefits of a curriculum support specialist, professional development, substitute teacher coverage, stipends, printing, supplies, and travel.

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Official notification of this grant award is anticipated on or about September 1, 2009. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2009.

**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), to fund the Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) Project in the approximate amount of \$212,000, for the grant period of September 1, 2009, through August 31, 2010;
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 Services 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: Florida Inclusion Network

Grant Period Beginning September 1, 2009 Ending August 31, 2010  
(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							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300	116,000.00	27,886.00	7,000.00		24,467.00	1,500.00	
Instructional Staff Training	6400	15,000.00	1,582.00	7,500.00				
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	9,065.00*						9,065.00*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800			2,000.00				
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	212,000.00	131,000.00	29,468.00	16,500.00		24,467.00	1,500.00	9,065.00

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$9,065.00

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]  
Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-8j Board Meeting of August 5, 2009  
(Number) (Date)

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