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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH THE MIAMI-DADE BROADBAND COALITION, INC. TO
RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE LINKS TO LEARNING
PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
PLAN FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested to enter into a contract with the Miami-Dade Broadband Coalition, Inc. (Coalition) to receive funds in the approximate amount of \$68,423, for the grant period of March 1, 2010, through December 15, 2010. The Coalition submitted a proposal to the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to fund educational opportunities via technology for citizens throughout the City of Miami in support of the Superintendent's Links to Learning Program. The Coalition collaborated with Information Technology Services, Curriculum Instruction/Instructional Technology, and The Parent Academy to target students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. These District departments were identified based on their participation with the City of Miami's Elevate Miami-Rites of Passage Program during the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years. This grant will be managed by Information Technology Services.

During the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years, the Elevate Miami-Rites of Passage Program was implemented in all 11 middle schools within the City of Miami. The current program has been modified to bring computers and internet connectivity to students in grades 3 through 12 in schools within the City of Miami that have demonstrated the greatest academic and socio-economic needs.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant funding. Grant funds will cover costs for parent training, program coordination, and school liaison stipends to complement grant resources for computers and internet connectivity awarded to the City of Miami for Miami-Dade County Public School students from 2007 through 2010.

Official notification of this grant award is anticipated to be received by March 25, 2010, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 1, 2010. Indirect cost is not allowed.

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

1. enter into a contract with the Miami-Dade Broadband Coalition, Inc. to receive funds in the amount of \$68,423, for the Links to Learning Program for the grant period of March 1, 2010, through December 15, 2010;
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 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: Links to Learning Program

Grant Period Beginning March 1, 2010 Ending December 15, 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	65,823.00	8,147.00	1,676.00	55,000.00		1,000.00		
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training	2,600.00	2,352.00	248.00					
Board of Education								
General Administration	*							
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	68,423.00	10,499.00	1,924.00	55,000.00		1,000.00		

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By Engelina Alarcon de Lemos Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: _____
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