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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT
AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE RACE
TO THE TOP – LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA)
APPLICATION PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the total approximate amount of \$72,964,103, for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the Race to the Top – Local Education Agency (LEA) Application Program for the grant period of September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014. The purpose of this funding is to provide support for participating LEAs in the implementation of Florida's Race to the Top (RTTT) grant program as approved by the United States Department of Education (USDOE). Funds are awarded to implement plans in four core education reform areas: adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy; building data systems that measure student growth and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction; recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals; and driving improvement in persistently low-achieving schools.

In May 2010, the United Teachers of Dade (UTD) supported the District's participation in RTTT by signing the State's Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding; and on October 13, 2010, UTD joined the District in signing the RTTT Scope of Work. The reform effort is comprised of 13 comprehensive work plans that require inter-departmental collaboration and targets all schools, students, teachers, and school leaders. The program will be managed by the Office of Human Resources, Performance Management and Labor Relations.

The FLDOE has provided a tiered approach to grant approval for school districts across the State. The District currently has received conditional approval and the receipt of the entire grant award rests upon meeting benchmarks linked to collective bargaining set throughout the four-year grant period. The UTD is the District's strong collaborating partner in the development of the RTTT Scope of Work.

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Grant funds will be used to pay for a one full-time program manager, clerical support and fifty percent of a full-time evaluator; professional development; career and technical education programs; assessments; development of teacher compensation models; data systems; and required program-related travel. Approximately \$61 million is budgeted to explore performance pay models on behalf of teachers.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding.

Official notification of this grant award is expected to be received by December 17, 2010. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2010.

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 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Public Law 111-5, CFDA 84.395A for the Race to the Top – Local Education Agency (LEA) Application Program for funding in the approximate amount of \$72,964,103, for the grant period of September 1, 2010, through June 30, 2014;
2. enter into contractual services agreements with the agencies prescribed in the grant, with whom the School Board must contract, pursuant to Board Rule 6Gx13- 3C-1.10(14) - Purchase Approval and Competitive Bidding Process Requirements;
3. extend this program and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
4. retain funds from the grants in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
5. 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; and
6. authorize travel out-of-state as required by the grant parameters.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET SUMMARY FORM

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?	No

Entitlement Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Entitlement/Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Race to the Top
 Grant Period Beginning: September 1, 2010 Ending: August 31, 2014

FUNCTION		Total Budget	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expenses (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	5000	60,128,122.00	47,525,511.00	10,211,885.00	2,340,000.00		50,726.00		
SUPPORT SERVICES									
Pupil Personnel Services.....	6100	-							
Instructional Media Services.....	6200	979,394.00							
Instruction and Curriculum Development	6300	3,908,000.00			3,900,000.00		650,000.00	329,394.00	
Instructional Staff Training.....	6400	2,660,411.00	1,238,449.00	141,556.00	1,280,406.00				8,000.00
Board of Education.....	7100	-							
General Administration.....	7200	2,820,494.00 *							2,820,494.00 *
School Administration.....	7300	-							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction...	7400	-							
Fiscal Services.....	7500	-							
Food Services.....	7600	-							
Central Services.....	7700	2,441,682.00	666,239.00	209,149.00	1,510,000.00		56,294.00		
Transportation Services.....	7800	26,000.00			26,000.00				
Operation of Plant.....	7900	-							
Maintenance of Plant.....	8100	-							
Community Services.....	9100	-							
Debt.....	9200	-							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		72,964,103.00	49,450,199.00	10,562,590.00	9,056,406.00		757,020.00	329,394.00	2,828,494.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of: 2,820,494.00

Reviewed by: [Signature]
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item: C-81 (Number)

Board Meeting of: December 15, 2010 (Date)