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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. On December 14, 2010, the District received approval of the entire grant award. 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 was received on December 14, 2010. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective September 1, 2010. Revised

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

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

Entitlement Grant
 Non-Entitlement/Contract

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

FUNCTION	Total Budget	Salaries (S1XX)	Employee Benefits (S2XX)	Purchased Services (S3XX)	Energy Services (S4XX)	Materials and Supplies (S5XX)	Capital Outlay (S6XX)	Other Expenses (S7XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	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							
Instruction and Curriculum Development	6300			3,900,000.00		650,000.00	329,394.00	
Board of Education.....	6400	2,660,411.00	141,556.00	1,280,406.00				8,000.00
General Administration.....	7100							
School Administration.....	7200	2,820,494.00 *						2,820,494.00 *
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction...	7300							
Fiscal Services.....	7400							
Food Services.....	7500							
Central Services.....	7600							
Transportation Services.....	7700							
Operation of Plant.....	7800	2,441,682.00	209,149.00	1,510,000.00		56,294.00		
Maintenance of Plant.....	7900	26,000.00		26,000.00				
Community Services.....	8100							
Debt.....	9100							
9200								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	72,964,103.00	49,430,199.00	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
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Board Meeting of: December 15, 2010
 (Date)

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