

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FLORIDA MENTOR TEACHER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RYDER ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL TO IMPLEMENT THE FLORIDA MENTOR TEACHER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, PROJECT CYCLE: JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) issued a Request for Proposals under the grant initiative, Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program. Ryder Elementary Charter School submitted a grant application, and received funding in the amount of \$142,500.

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines for the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must be the fiscal agent on behalf of 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 the Florida Statute 228.056 Charter Schools which requires that M-DCPS serve as the fiscal agent.

Authorization is being requested for M-DCPS to enter into a contractual agreement with Ryder Elementary Charter School to receive grant funds from the FDOE, in the amount of \$142,500, to continue the implementation of the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program. Under the contractual agreement with M-DCPS, the charter school will be responsible for implementing the project outlined in the grant application and expending the grant funds according to the proposed budget. The project goal is to establish a five-step career ladder that will give outstanding teachers recognition and higher salaries.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on March 19, 2002, which is after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures beginning July 1, 2001.

No local funds are required.

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**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, in the amount of \$142,500, for funding under the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program and enter into a contractual agreement with Ryder Elementary Charter School, in the amount of \$142,500, to implement the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program, Project Cycle: July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. This grant award is accepted in accordance with Florida Statutes 228.056, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
2. extend this grant award and contractual agreement, at no additional cost, for up to one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if it is deemed necessary in order to complete the scope of the project; and
3. direct Financial Affairs to establish appropriations in the amounts approved by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC:ccs

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 Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2001 (Date) Ending June 30, 2002 (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	137,469		137,469				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	5,031*						5,031*
School Administration	7300							
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction	7400							
Fiscal Services	7500							
Food Services	7600							
Central Services	7700							
Transportation Services	7800							
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES		142,500		137,469				5,031

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 5,031

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-67 Board Meeting of May 15, 2002 (Date)  
 (Number)