

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FOR FUNDING PROJECT READING ENDORSEMENT SUPPORTS SCIENTIFIC UP-TO-DATE LANGUAGE TEACHING STRATEGIES, PROJECT CYCLE:   SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2007**

**COMMITTEE:        FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

The United States Department of Education has awarded a grant to the University of Miami (UM) to fund Project Reading Endorsement Supports Scientific Up-to-date Language Teaching Strategies (RESSULTS). This program is designed to offer 200 Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teachers an 80% tuition scholarship for graduate classes at UM to earn a Reading Endorsement from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). These graduate courses may be applied toward a Masters or a Specialist Degree at UM. In addition, participating teachers will receive instructional materials and support from UM professors and two M-DCPS curriculum support specialists who will work with teachers in their classrooms to implement research-based strategies and materials discussed in the courses.

Authorization is requested to enter into a contractual agreement with UM to receive funds, in an amount not to exceed \$102,000 annually, or \$510,000, over the five-year grant period. The funds will be used to cover the base salary for two M-DCPS curriculum support specialists and for instructional materials.

A required cost share to cover fringe benefits, in the amount of \$128,445, over the five-year period, will be met through grant funds from the Title III, language instruction for limited English proficient (LEP) students and immigrant students program.

Official notification of this grant award was received on November 4, 2002, which is after the start of the budget period. The budget period for this award allows for the reimbursement of expenditures from September 30, 2002.

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

1. enter into a contractual agreement with the University of Miami, in the amount of \$510,000, for funding project Reading Endorsement Supports Scientific Up-to-date Language Teaching Strategies, Project Cycle: September 30, 2002 through September 29, 2007;
2. extend this contractual agreement, at no additional cost, for a maximum of one year, as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, if deemed necessary, in order to fully expend the grant award and thus 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/LR:ccs

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MI-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: Reading Endorsement Supports Scientific Up-To-Date Language Teaching Strategies  
 Grant Period Beginning September 30, 2002 Ending September 29, 2007  
 (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							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	477,821				32,179		
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	*						*
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	510,000	477,821				32,179		

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \_\_\_\_\_ Required Cost Share for Fringe Benefits will be charged to Program 3049.

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division of Budget B-63 Board Meeting of December 11, 2002 (Date)  
 Agenda Item \_\_\_\_\_ (Number)