

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE TOOL KIT PROJECT UNDER TITLE V, PROMOTING INFORMED PARENTAL CHOICE AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) issued a Request for Proposals for projects under the Voluntary Public School Choice Mentor District Program for the purpose of awarding grants to those school districts that have implemented the public school choice program for two years. Through this program, the FDOE will meet the goals and objectives of Title V, Promoting Informed Parental Choice and Innovative Programs.

The goals of The Public School Choice Tool Kit Project are to reinstate, sustain and expand public school choice, as well as to expand and replicate successful implementation of public school choice throughout Florida and the nation. The main objectives for this project are to provide a wide variety of educational choices for all students, substantially impact students in low-performing and under-enrolled schools, and increase student achievement.

As a mentor district, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has proposed to use funds in the amount of \$150,000 for contracted services and travel for professional development activities, website development, and supplies. Funds will be available for an additional four years in similar amounts.

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

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on May 28, 2003. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective May 1, 2003.

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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 for funding The Public School Choice Tool Kit Project under Title V, Promoting Informed Parental Choice and Innovative Programs, in the amount of \$150,000 for the grant period effective May 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. direct Financial Affairs 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: The Public School Choice Tool Kit  
 Grant Period Beginning May 1, 2003 Ending September 30, 2003  
 (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	130,000		115,000		15,000		
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	20,000		20,000				
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	150,000			135,000		15,000		

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By *[Signature]* Board Meeting of June 18, 2003  
 Division of Budget B-65 (Number) (Date)