

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING THE FLORIDA MENTOR TEACHER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH DOWNTOWN MIAMI, NORTH COUNTY, AND RYDER ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE), in partnership with the Milken Family Foundation, established the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program, a grant initiative designed to reward excellence in teaching.

The goal is to implement a five-step career ladder that gives outstanding teachers recognition and higher salaries. This year will be the third year in which Ryder Elementary Charter School has received grant funds from the FDOE under this grant initiative. North County and Downtown Miami Charter Schools will implement the first year of their projects.

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 Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools, which requires that M-DCPS monitor the revenues and expenditures of the Charter School(s).

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the total amount of \$675,000 will be distributed in equal amounts of \$225,000 as separate contractual agreements among the three schools:

SCHOOL	GRANT AWARD
Downtown Miami Charter School	225,000
North County Charter School	225,000
Ryder Elementary Charter School	225,000

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Official notification of these grant awards was received on August 4, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2003.

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

1. accept grant awards from the Florida Department of Education for funding the Florida Mentor Teacher School Pilot Program in the total amount of \$675,000 for the grant period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
2. enter into separate contractual agreements with: Downtown Miami Charter School, in the amount of \$225,000; North County Charter School, in the amount of \$225,000; and Ryder Elementary Charter School, in the amount of \$225,000 for the contract period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
3. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
4. 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.

AMC:th

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, 2003 Ending June 30, 2004 (Date)

FUNCTION	Total Budget (51XX)	Salaries (51XX)	Employee Benefits (52XX)	Purchased Services (53XX)	Energy Services (54XX)	Materials and Supplies (55XX)	Capital Outlay (56XX)	Other Expense (57XX)
INSTRUCTION SERVICES	5000	675,000		675,000				
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	*						*
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		675,000		675,000				

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By Jm Judith A. Webb
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item B-63 Board Meeting of September 10, 2003 (Date)