

August 27, 2003

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 READING COACHES MODEL GRANT  
PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has advised the Miami-Dade County Public Schools of the approval of the Reading Coaches Model grant application in support of the elementary, middle, and high schools that do not participate in the Reading-First Initiative with low-performing students in reading. A reading coach will be placed in each of the thirty-two schools that have received a grade of D by FDOE for at least two consecutive years. These coaches will serve as a resource for professional development, progress monitoring, and student data analysis throughout the school to generate improvement in reading achievement.

The Reading Coaches Model Grant Program will be funded through Specific Appropriation 69, General Revenue, in the amount of \$2,587,951.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$2,587,951 will support salaries and fringe benefits for the thirty-two reading coaches, travel to attend the required state-sponsored professional development, and supplies.

Official notification of this grant award was received on August 19, 2003, which is after the start of the period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 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 Reading Coaches Model Grant Program in the amount of \$2,587,951 for the grant period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004;
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 Reading Coaches Model

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2003 Ending June 30, 2004  
 (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	2,545,406	1,962,972	41,044		3,580		
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400	42,545	21,600	3,852	17,093			
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							
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		<b>2,587,951</b>	<b>1,984,572</b>	<b>541,662</b>	<b>58,137</b>	<b>3,580</b>		

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item B-69 Board Meeting of September 10, 2003  
 (Number) (Date)