

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 UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) issued a Request for Proposal under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants to charter schools partnering with local educational agencies in order to provide a high quality education for all students. The Public Charter School Federal Grant Program provides funds only to those charter schools which have been approved by the local school district, and which have established a collaborative partnership for the oversight and operation of the charter schools. Funds received from this grant will be used to improve the quality of education, support planning activities, and provide supplemental funding that would be made available from non-federal sources.

In collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), Mater Academy Charter High School submitted a grant application to support charter school operations.

It is anticipated that the charter school will receive the following funding amount:

Charter School	Grant Type	Amount of Grant	Indirect Cost	Contract Amount
Mater Academy Charter High School	Second Year Implementation Grant	\$200,000	\$6,670	\$193,330

In accordance with the FDOE grant guidelines, M-DCPS must be the fiscal agent on behalf of the charter school that receives such grant. 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 serve as the fiscal agent.

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Authorization is requested for M-DCPS to enter into a contractual agreement with the aforementioned charter school for the amount indicated. The charter school will be responsible for implementing the program outlined in its respective grant application and expending the grant funds.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 will be used for hourly personnel, field trips, and educational supplies.

Official notification relative to this grant award was received on October 29, 2003, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective October 6, 2003.

**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 \$200,000, for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Grant Program for the grant period of October 6, 2003 through September 30, 2004;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Charter High School, in an amount not to exceed \$193,330;
3. approve acceptance of this grant award in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 1002.33, Charter Schools. This action is not an endorsement of the activities undertaken by charter schools;
4. extend this program and contractual agreement as authorized through official notification from the granting agency, in order to complete the goals of the program; and
5. 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: Public Charter School Federal Grant Program - Mater Academy High

Grant Period Beginning October 6, 2003 Ending September 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	193,330		193,330				
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	6,670*						6,670*
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	200,000			193,330				6,670

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of 6,670

Reviewed By *J. A. ...*  
 Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item B-60 Board Meeting of December 10, 2003  
 (Number) (Date)