

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
Board Meeting of August 1, 2007

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM BAYVIEW FOUNDATION AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS**

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award in the approximate amount of \$636,015, from the Bayview Foundation and enter into a contractual agreement with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) to implement its program in 19 schools from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008. As a condition to accept the grant award, the foundation requires the implementation of the AVID program in three feeder patterns and one high school selected by the funder.

AVID, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, prepares students in fourth through twelfth grades for four-year college eligibility. AVID is a secondary school reform model with proven evidence-based success as documented by numerous third-party studies. In a research conducted by Lawrence Eribaum Associated, Inc., "Implications of One Comprehensive School Reform Model for Secondary School Students Underrepresented in Higher Education," published in the *Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk* (2004), the researchers examined test scores, attendance rates, advanced course enrollment patterns, graduation plans, and school accountability ratings over a three-year period. Findings indicate that all of the AVID schools improved their accountability rating during the first three years of AVID implementation. In addition, AVID students outperformed their classmates on various standardized tests and attended school more often than their classmates. The study's findings also imply that Advanced Placement course enrollment in each of the AVID schools was increasing, and more underrepresented students were deemed prepared for college.

**REVISED REPLACEMENT**

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The AVID program will be implemented in 19 selected elementary and secondary schools in the Booker T. Washington, Northwestern, and North Miami senior high feeder patterns. The program will also be implemented at Miami Beach Senior High School. Selection of the students will follow the AVID criteria which targets low-income students who are capable of completing a college-prep curriculum but are falling short of their potential. Prospective students are required to complete an application and interview process conducted by school-site staff to determine eligibility.

Notwithstanding the conditions set forth by the foundation, the Professional Services Contract Committee established by School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021 reviewed this item on August 1, 2007, and recommended that an exception to the rule regarding bids or Requests for Proposals be granted on the basis of that the contract with AVID is in the best interest of the District as otherwise determined by the committee.

Revised

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant award. Grant funds will be used to fund the AVID contract for the 19 schools in the amount of \$387,015. This contract includes curriculum materials, professional development, tutors, consulting fees, and temporary instructors. Additional funds will cover a project coordinator and travel to a required summer institute.

Official notification of this grant award was received on July 23, 2007, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursements of grant-related expenditures are authorized effective July 1, 2007.

To provide an equitable program in five schools in the Homestead feeder pattern, district funds will be used to support the implementation of AVID at a cost not to exceed \$105,300. These funds are included in the General Fund of the 2007-2008 Proposed budget under the following structure: Fund 0100, Object 5310, Program 9419, Location 9634, Function 5100.

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

1. accept a grant award from the Bayview Foundation in the amount of \$636,015, for the grant period of July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008;
2. enter into a contractual agreement in an amount not to exceed \$492,315 with AVID;
3. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs;
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amounts approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board;
5. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$105,300, from the proposed general fund to cover the cost of the five schools in the Homestead feeder pattern; and
6. grant an exception pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13-3F-1.021, related to Requests for Proposals on the basis of that the contract with AVID is in the best interest of the District as otherwise determined by the Professional Services Contract Committee.

Added

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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: Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2007 (Date) Ending June 30, 2008 (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	44,920.00	15,080.00	387,015.00				
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services	6100							
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400			189,000.00				
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	636,015.00	44,920.00	15,080.00	576,015.00				

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Reviewed By [Signature] Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-88 Board Meeting of August 1, 2007 (Date)  
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