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**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM
BAYVIEW FOUNDATION TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID)
PROGRAM FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

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 \$425,193, from the Bayview Foundation. As a condition to accept the grant award, the foundation requires the implementation of the AVID program in four feeder patterns 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.

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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. The 2008-2009 school year will be the district's second year of implementation of the AVID program in the same feeder patterns.

The AVID program will be implemented in 17 selected elementary and secondary schools in the Booker T. Washington, Northwestern, North Miami Senior High, and Miami Beach Senior High feeder patterns. 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.

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 \$119,965. These funds are included in the General Fund of the 2008-2009 Proposed budget under the following structure: Fund 0100, Object 5310, Program 9419, Location 9703, Function 5100.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant award. Funding from the grant award and the general fund will be used to fund the AVID contract for the 22 schools in the approximate amount of \$125,710. This contract includes curriculum materials, professional development, and consulting fees. Additional funds will cover a project director, tutors, regional training, and out-of-county travel as required.

Official notification of this grant award is expected to be received on February 15, 2008, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursements of grant-related expenditures are authorized effective February 1, 2008.

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 \$425,193, for the grant period of February 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009;
2. extend these programs and contractual agreements as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs;
3. 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;
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$119,965, from the proposed general fund to cover the cost of the five schools in the Homestead feeder pattern; and

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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?

GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: Bayview Foundation - AVID 2008-2009 Entitlement Grant Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning February 1, 2008 Ending June 30, 2009
(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	349,693.00	202,643.00	46,985.00	99,565.00		500.00		
SUPPORT SERVICES:								
Pupil Personnel Services								
Instructional Media Services								
Instruction & Curriculum Development								
Instructional Staff Training								
Board of Education	75,500.00		75,500.00					
General Administration	*							*
School Administration								
Facilities Acquisitions & Construction								
Fiscal Services								
Food Services								
Central Services								
Transportation Services								
Operation of Plant								
Maintenance of Plant								
Community Services								
Debt								
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	425,193.00	202,643.00	122,485.00	99,565.00		500.00		

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Reviewed By [Signature]
Division of Budget

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of February 13, 2008
(Number) (Date)