Alberto M. Carvalho, Associate Superintendent Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration

SUBJECT: R

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT SIX GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL PLANNING, PROGRAM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

Authorization is requested to accept six grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) in the total approximate amount of \$962,350, to fund the Public Charter School Federal Planning, Program Design and Implementation Grant Program for Pinecrest Academy (South Campus) in the amount of \$145,500, for the grant period of March 12, 2008 through December 31, 2008; Somerset Academy (Silver Palms Campus) in the amount of \$212,000, for the grant period of March 26, 2008, through December 31, 2008; Mater Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy in the amount of \$75,350, for the grant period of May 8, 2008, through June 30, 2008; Life Skills Center of Miami-Dade in the amount of \$88,100, for the grant period of May 9, 2008, through June 30, 2008; Mater Academy East Middle School in the amount of \$77,450, for the grant period of May 7, 2008 through June 30, 2008; and The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc. in the amount of \$363,950, for the grant period of June 24, 2008 through August 10, 2008.

The FLDOE issued a Request for Applications 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. Grant funds will be used to support planning, program design and implementation activities and to supplement the level of funds that would be made available from non-federal sources.

In accordance with the FLDOE grant guidelines, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) must be the fiscal agent on behalf of each of the 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 serve as the fiscal agent.

No matching funds are required as condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$962,350, will be distributed as follows:

Charter School	Implementation Grant Period	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Net Grant Amount
Pinecrest Academy (South Campus)	March 12, 2008 – December 31, 2008	\$145,500	\$1,559	\$143,941
Somerset Academy (Silver Palms Campus)	March 26, 2008 – December 31, 2008	\$212,000	\$785	\$211,215
Mater Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy	May 8, 2008 – June 30, 2008	\$75,350	0	\$75,350
Life Skills Center of Miami-Dade	May 9, 2008 – June 30, 2008	\$88,100	\$224	\$87,876
Mater Academy East Middle School	May 7, 2008 – June 30, 2008	\$77,450	0	\$77,450
The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc.	June 24, 2008 - August 10, 2008	\$363,950	\$6,097	\$357,853
TOTAL		\$962,350	\$8,665	\$953,685

Official notifications of these grant awards were received on May 19, 2008 and July 1, 2008, which is after the start of each grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective upon the beginning of the grant period for each grant program.

RECOMMENDED:

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

- accept six grant awards from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding under the Public Charter School Federal Planning, Program Design and Implementation Grant Program in the total approximate amount of \$962,350;
- 2. disburse grant funds in the total amount of \$953,685, to:
 - a. Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Academy (South Campus), in the approximate amount of \$143,941, for the grant period of March 12, 2008, through December 31, 2008;
 - b. Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy (Silver Palms Campus), in the approximate amount of \$211,215, for the grant period of March 26, 2008, through December 31, 2008;
 - c. Academica Dade LLC on behalf of Mater Performing Arts and Entertainment Academy in the amount of \$75,350, for the grant period of May 8, 2008, through June 30, 2008;
 - d. White Hat Management Company on behalf of Life Skills Center of Miami-Dade in the amount of \$87,876, for the grant period of May 9, 2008, through June 30, 2008;
 - e. Academica Dade LLC on behalf of Mater Academy East Middle School in the amount of \$77,450, for the grant period of May 7, 2008 through June 30, 2008; and
 - f. The Charter School at Waterstone, Inc. in the amount of \$357,853, for the grant period of June 24, 2008 through August 10, 2008.
- 3. retain funds from the grants in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
- 4. extend these programs as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the programs; and
- 5. 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.

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