

August 27, 2008

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

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) TO FUND THE LEARNING FOR LIFE CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING FOR LIFE, INC.

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 \$329,500, from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), and to enter into a contractual agreement with Learning for Life, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$329,500, to implement the Learning for Life character education program, for the grant period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Funding is authorized through State Specific Appropriation 91. The purpose of this program is to improve student life skills and student achievement, with a focus on reading, writing, critical thinking, and career preparation; to build student character, which includes the development of self-worth, self-confidence, motivation, and ethical decision-making skills; and to improve classroom behavior. The program is managed by Curriculum and Instruction, Social Sciences, and supports the District's goal to ensure achievement of high academic standards by all students.

In 2007-2008, 51 schools participated in the Learning for Life program. Despite a 27.7% reduction in state funding for the 2008-2009 school year, 49 schools are projected to participate in this year's program. Participant selection is targeted first to C, D, and F schools. Additional schools are selected based on percentages of students eligible for exceptional student education and free or reduced-price meal programs. Participation is voluntary as determined by the principals. The Executive Director of the Learning for Life program is Mr. Otto Goedhart.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant award. Grant funds will be used for contracted services which cover salaries, fringe benefits, in-county travel, classroom supplies and materials, program fees, group liability insurance, an outside evaluator and enrichment activities. Indirect costs are not allowed.

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Official notification of this grant award is expected on or about November 1, 2008. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 2008.

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 (FLDOE) to fund the Learning for Life Character Education Program in the approximate amount of \$329,500, for the grant period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009;
2. enter into a contractual agreement with Learning for Life, Inc., in the approximate amount of \$329,500, for the contract period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009;
3. 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
4. direct Financial Operations to establish appropriations in the amount approved or as amended by the granting agency; such appropriations to be reported periodically to the Board.

AMC/MLR:ms

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: Learning for Life, Inc.

Grant Period Beginning July 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	5000							
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	*						*
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			329,500.00				
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	329,500.00			329,500.00				

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]
 Division of Budget [Signature]

Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of September 10, 2008
 (Number) (Date)