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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE FARM YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR FUNDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECT AT COCONUT PALM K-8 ACADEMY

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 from the State Farm Youth Advisory Board, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, in the approximate amount of \$88,000, to fund an Environmental Responsibility Project at Coconut Palm K-8 Academy, for the grant period of February 1, 2009, through February 28, 2010. All schools were notified of this grant opportunity, and this is the first time the District has received this grant. Through a competitive grant process, the State Farm Youth Advisory Board has awarded a service-learning grant to the Coconut Palm K-8 Academy to conduct a restoration project in Everglades National Park, create an environmentally-friendly school farm, and apply classroom learning regarding environmental science, agriculture education, and plant technology.

Students in the Agriscience Engineering Academy will learn about Florida's fragile ecosystems through classroom-based activities and field trips in partnership with a number of local entities such as the South Florida Water Management District, Everglades National Park, and the Miami-Dade Farm Bureau. Teachers will participate in training workshops conducted by the Everglades National Park Education Program. In addition, through Podcast and web-based learning, students will also collaborate with the Jose Berrios Berdecia School in Puerto Rico which is conducting a similar service-learning project.

The project will be managed by School/District Operations and supports the District's goal to develop high-performing faculty and staff.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant funding. Grant funds will be used for part-time hourly salary, substitute teacher coverage and fringe benefits; supplies; field trips; in-county travel; computer equipment and software; and contracted services. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant award was received on December 19, 2008. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective February 1, 2009.

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

1. accept a grant award from the State Farm Youth Advisory Board, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company for funding an Environmental Responsibility Project at Coconut Palm K-8 Academy in the approximate amount of \$88,000, for the grant period of February 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
3. direct Financial Services 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: Environmental Responsibility - State Farm - Coconut Palm K-8 Academy

Grant Period Beginning February 1, 2009 Ending February 28, 2010
 (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	8,600.00		8,600.00				
Operation of Plant	7900							
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100	16,937.00	3,063.00	3,750.00		47,150.00	8,500.00	
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	88,000.00	16,937.00	3,063.00	12,350.00		47,150.00	8,500.00	

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of _____

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: _____

Reviewed By _____ Board Meeting of February 11, 2009
 Division of Budget _____ (Date)

Agenda Item C-80 Board Meeting of February 11, 2009
 (Number) (Date)