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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2007-2010 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL 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 a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), in the approximate amount of \$156,000, for funding under the 2007-2010 Charter School Grant Program for the Miami-Dade/Somerset Academy (Silver Palms) for the grant period of March 6, 2009 through September 30, 2009.

The FLDOE issued a Request for Applications under the 2007-2010 Public Charter School 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 receives 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 a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$156,000 will be distributed as follows:

Charter School	Grant Period	Amount of Grant	Indirect Costs	Net Grant Amount
Miami-Dade/Somerset Academy (Silver Palms)	March 6, 2009 - September 30, 2009	\$156,000	\$1,981	\$154,019

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Official notification of this grant award was received on May 1, 2009, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 6, 2009.

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) for funding under the 2007-2010 Public Charter School Grant Program in the approximate amount of \$156,000, for the grant period of March 6, 2009, through September 30, 2009;
2. disburse grant funds in the approximate amount of \$154,019, to Somerset Academy, Inc. (Silver Palms);
3. retain funds from the grant in an amount not to exceed the annually negotiated indirect cost rate, as allowed and approved by the FLDOE;
4. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program; and
5. 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: 2007-2010 Public Charter School Grant Program - Somerset Academy (Silver Palms)
 Grant Period Beginning March 6, 2009 Ending September 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	154,019.00			154,019.00				
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	1,981.00*							1,981.00*
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		156,000.00			154,019.00				1,981.00

*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$1,981.00

Reviewed By *Enriquez* Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-86 Board Meeting of June 17, 2009
 (Number) (Date)