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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT
AWARD FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION (FLDOE) FOR FUNDING THE TO REACH
ULTIMATE SUCCESS TOGETHER (TRUST) PROGRAM
UNDER THE TITLE IV – SAFE AND DRUG-FREE
SCHOOLS 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 \$1,849,400, for funding the To Reach Ultimate Success Together (TRUST) Program for the grant period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. The FLDOE has allocated funding to Miami-Dade County Public Schools under the Title IV - Safe and Drug-Free Schools (SDFS) Program. The funding allocation for this entitlement grant is based on District-wide student enrollment and the percentage of students on free and reduced-price lunch. This program is managed by the Division of Student Services and supports the District's goal of providing a safe learning environment for students.

The 2008-2009 FLDOE allocation for the SDFS Program was \$1,927,660 which represents a decrease of 4 percent. The goal of the District's TRUST Program is to provide violence and drug prevention and intervention services for students, as well as training and technical assistance for elementary, middle, and senior high school teachers, administrators, counselors, crisis team members, and TRUST specialists. Additionally, the state-mandated bullying/harassment policy is supported through this funding.

At the school sites, the TRUST specialists focus on counseling students to solve problems related to drugs and alcohol, stress, suicide, isolation, family violence, and other crises. The crisis team provides crisis prevention, mitigation and response, as well as training and follow-up activities to all school staff in the areas of violence prevention and stress management.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant funding. Grant funds will be used to fund 21 middle school TRUST specialists, the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program coordinator, staff specialist, crisis team member, bullying harassment policy counselor/trainer, clerical position, and two curriculum support specialists. These funds will also be used for contracted services, supplies, in-county and out-of-county travel, and indirect costs.

Official notification of this grant award is expected on or before September 1, 2009. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective July 1, 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 the To Reach Ultimate Success Together (TRUST) Program under the Title IV - Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program in the approximate amount of \$1,849,400, for the grant period of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010;
2. extend this program as authorized through official notification from the granting agency in order to complete the goals of the program;
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; and
4. 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: To Reach Ultimate Success Together (TRUST)

Grant Period Beginning July 1, 2009 Ending June 30, 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	1,813,137.00	449,184.00			5,553.00		
Instructional Media Services	6200							
Instruction & Curriculum Development	6300							
Instructional Staff Training	6400							
Board of Education	7100							
General Administration	7200	36,263.00*						36,263.00*
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		1,849,400.00	449,184.00			5,553.00		36,263.00

* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$36,263.00

Reviewed By Engel Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: June 17, 2009
 Division of Budget Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of June 17, 2009
 (Number) (Date)