Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Assistant Superintendent 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 THROUGH THE DOMESTIC SECURITY K-12 ACCESS CONTROL

**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) for funding, in the approximate amount of \$202,947, through the Domestic Security K-12 Access Control Program for the grant period of March 13, 2009 through August 31, 2009. The purpose of the grant award, which is an allocation by the FLDOE from the State Homeland Security Grant Program, is to purchase and install security enhancements within school districts. The grant will be used to implement security and access control measures, incorporating the VisTrak electronic visitor access systems, within approximately 29 elementary schools throughout the District. Based on vulnerability assessments conducted on all school sites, the use of electronic visitor access systems closes gaps identified which will increase the ability to control access to the school sites. The VisTrak uses captured points from fingerprints or drivers license data to log the entry and exit of visitors to the schools. VisTrak is easily linked to the fingerprint background check process which the District currently maintains and can add significant security through identity and access management capabilities. The program will be managed by the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department through the Fingerprint Office and supports the District objective to improve security and safety.

Grant funding will support the purchase of equipment for the installation of the VisTrak electronic visitor access systems and training services for the ongoing maintenance of the systems at selected elementary schools under the initial phase of enhancing security measures.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive the grant funding. Grant funds will be used for other purchased services, equipment, and supplies. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant award was received on March 24, 2009. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 13, 2009.

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

- accept a grant award from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for funding through the Domestic Security K-12 Access Control Program in the amount of \$202,947 for the grant period of March 13, 2009 through August 31, 2009;
- 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

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of

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Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

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