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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  
TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FOR FUNDING THE  
HIGHWAY SAFETY SPEED REDUCTION 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 Transportation (FDOT), in the approximate amount of \$105,000, for the grant period from May 1, 2009 through October 1, 2009 for the Highway Safety Speed Reduction (HSSR) Program, sponsored by School Board Member Perla Tabares Hantman under Board Item H-12 at the April 16, 2008 School Board Meeting as part of her student pedestrian safety initiatives. Board Item H-12 included seven high schools that have been prioritized to participate in the pilot HSSR Program, designed to reduce vehicle speeding near public high schools by installing solar-powered dynamic speed display signage. The signs have built-in radar with changeable messages that display actual speeds of approaching vehicles, thus immediately alerting drivers of their excessive speed. The grant will be managed by Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (M-DSPD) and the Office of Facilities and supports the District's student safety policy.

The HSSR Program will be implemented at seven senior high schools during the 2009-2010 school year and will include the installation of prototype speed reduction signs. In conjunction with the signs, the M-DSPD will actively enforce speeding violations and aggressive driving incidents, as well as seat belt violations by deploying the Aggressive Driving Unit to these seven high schools. The following seven senior high schools were identified based on incidents of pedestrian accidents and their locations in high volume traffic areas: Coral Gables; John A. Ferguson; Felix Varela; Dr. Michael M. Krop; American; G. Holmes Braddock; and Coral Reef. Plans are underway to include additional high schools in the pilot HSSR Program.

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Once fully implemented, the HSSR Program will:

- provide signage for speed reduction around a minimum of seven senior high schools not previously afforded signs;
- provide data from law enforcement initiatives showing the actual number of incidents before the installation and after installation in order to gauge effectiveness;
- enhance community involvement by engaging parents and youth to work together to make the streets around schools safer; and
- provide students with a safe passage to and from school.

No matching funds are required as a condition to receive these funds. Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment. Indirect cost is not allowed.

Official notification of this grant was received on May 19, 2009. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective May 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 Transportation (FDOT) for funding the Highway Safety Speed Reduction Program, in the approximate amount of \$105,000, for the grant period of May 1, 2009, through October 1, 2009;
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: Highway Safety Speed Reduction Program

Grant Period Beginning May 1, 2009 Ending October 1, 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						105,000.00	
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	105,000.00						105,000.00	

\* Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reviewed By [Signature] Agenda Item C-82 Board Meeting of July 15, 2009  
 Division of Budget (Number) (Date)