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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 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), for funding under the 2007-2010 Charter School Grant Program for the Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah in the approximate amount of \$197,000, for the grant period of April 29, 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. This grant will be managed by Charter School Operations.

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 \$197,000, will be distributed as follows:

<b>Charter School</b>	<b>Grant Period</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>	<b>Net Grant Amount</b>
Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah	April 29, 2009 - September 30, 2009	\$197,000	\$614	\$196,386

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Official notification of this grant award was received on May 21, 2009, which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective April 29, 2009 for the grant program.

**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 \$197,000, for the grant period of April 29, 2009, through September 30, 2009;
2. disburse grant funds to Excelsior Academies, Inc. in the approximate amount of \$196,386 on behalf of Excelsior Language Academy of Hialeah;
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



GRANT/PROGRAM NAME: 2007-2010 Charter School Grant Program - Exclusion: Language Academy

Yes  No Are there any in-kind or matching funds required?  
 Entitlement Grant  Non-Entitlement/Contract

Grant Period Beginning April 29, 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	196,386.08						
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	613.92*						613.92*
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		197,000.00		196,386.08				613.92

\*Includes Federal Indirect Costs of \$613.92

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By [Signature]  
 Division of Budget

Agenda Item C-84 Board Meeting of July 15, 2009  
 (Number) (Date)