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Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Services

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
WITH THE MIAMI-DADE ECONOMIC ADVOCACY TRUST TO  
RECEIVE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE TEEN COURT  
PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:               STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Authorization is requested to enter into a contract with the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (Trust) to receive funds, in the approximate amount of \$200,000, to support the Teen Court Program for the grant period of March 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. The Trust was created by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commission (Board) pursuant to Ordinance No. 92-12. The Board has designated the Trust as the entity to operate the Teen Court Program on behalf of Miami-Dade County. The Teen Court Program, an alternative sanctioning program for first-time youthful offenders who agree to allow their peers to determine sentencing instead of the juvenile justice system, will also provide tutorial programs for targeted students in 5 selected senior high schools. The following senior high schools were identified by the Trust to participate in the program: Miami Carol City; Miami Norland; Booker T. Washington; Miami Northwestern; and South Dade. This grant will be managed by District/School Operations, Special Projects, and supports the Youth Violence Prevention Summit and the Education Compact with Miami-Dade County.

The Teen Court Program will allow students a second chance when faced with the possibility of discipline for violating school rules and regulations and will help decrease juvenile delinquency through early intervention. The Teen Court Program incorporates a peer sanctioning process whereby youth may participate as a defense and/or prosecuting attorney, juror, clerk, and/or bailiff in the sentencing decisions. These peer youth will receive community service credit, as well as beneficial hands-on experience regarding careers associated with the judicial system.

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No matching funds are required as a condition to receive this grant funding. The grant will fund part-time program coordinators at each school, part-time teachers for tutoring, and overtime for custodial/security services for extended day activities.

Official notification of this grant award is anticipated by March 13, 2010 which is after the start of the grant period. Reimbursement of grant-related expenditures is authorized effective March 1, 2010. Indirect costs are not allowed.

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

1. enter into a contract with the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust to receive funds in the amount of \$200,000, to support the Teen Court Program for the grant period of March 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011;
2. extend this contract and 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: Teen Court Program

Grant Period Beginning March 1, 2010 Ending June 30, 2011  
(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	157,596.00	32,406.00					
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	8,293.00	1,705.00					
Maintenance of Plant	8100							
Community Services	9100							
Debt	9200							
TOTAL INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES	200,000.00	165,889.00	34,111.00					

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

Submitted for Board Approval/Authorization:

Reviewed By W.S. [Signature]  
Division of Budget Branch of [Signature]

Agenda Item C-81 Board Meeting of March 17, 2010  
(Number) (Date)