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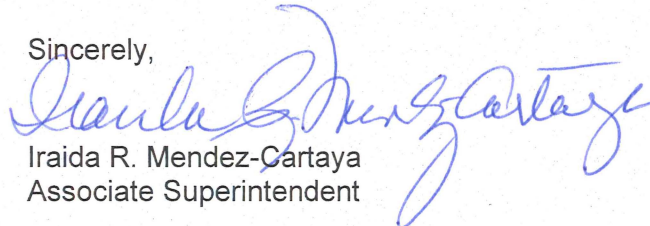
Mr. Adam Emerson
Charter Schools Director
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

Dear Mr. Emerson:

This is to inform you that Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) intends to apply for funding through the District-Charter Collaborative Compact program. In order to support proposal development and initial project implementation, M-DCPS is requesting a \$10,000 planning grant. Attached please find the grant proposal as well as the required budget.

If additional information is required, please contact Ms. Melissa Latus, District Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration at 305 995-1706, or email: mlatus@dadeschools.net.

Sincerely,



Iraidia R. Mendez-Cartaya
Associate Superintendent

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District-Charter Collaborative Compacts Planning Grant

Introduction. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS, or District) is requesting a \$10,000 planning grant to support proposal development activities related to the submission of a District-Charter Collaborative Compact grant. The District intends to submit a full grant application to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) by or before August 29, 2014. Planning grant funds will support proposal development and provide the District with additional resources to explore and develop sustainable strategies to ensure that all students, especially those currently attending or zoned for schools in high-need areas, have access to highly effective schools and school choice options.

Visits to Successful Charter Organizations. Grant funds will be used to support travel to successful in-state and out-of-state charter organizations. The purpose of the visits will be to meet with top officials and stakeholders from these organizations, conduct initial observations, evaluate different models, and determine applicability for Miami-Dade students and families.

Tentative travel plans call for looking at national, regional and neighborhood-based charter school organizations. Preliminary plans include:

- Travel to Houston, Texas to meet with top officials and stakeholders in the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) organization and visit KIPP Houston school sites;
- Meet with leadership of YES Prep, a charter school which was awarded the first-ever Broad Prize for Public Charter Schools, also in Houston;
- Visit Harlem Children's Zone in New York City;
- Visit KIPP Duval located in Jacksonville, FL; and/or
- Additional sites as determined and within budget.

Key M-DCPS personnel who will travel to the proposed sites include the following: Ms. Tiffanie Pauline, Assistant Superintendent, Charter School Support; Dr. Pablo Ortiz, Associate Superintendent, Education Transformation Office, Mr. Ron Steiger, Chief Budget Officer; and others as determined necessary.

Contract Work. In addition to travel costs, funds are requested to support the hiring of consultant(s) to assist with the development of the district-charter collaboration. These individuals will provide guidance as the District explores the following FDOE priorities: innovative authorization; facilities support; knowledge transfer; and resource equity. This assistance will position the District to develop and implement bold and innovative strategies for collaborating and partnering with high-impact charter school organizations resulting in improved academic achievement.

Attached is the budget for these activities.

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Travel to Visit Successful Out-of-State and In-State Charter School Organizations/Sites

Travel to Houston to meet with KIPP organization leaders, visit KIPP Houston, visit YES Prep

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| Airfare @ \$450/person x 4 persons | 1,800 | |
| Accommodations @ \$150/night x 2 nights x 4 persons | 1,200 | |
| Per Diem @ \$35/day x 3 days x 4 persons | 420 | |
| Ground Transportation (taxi, parking, rental car) @ \$50/person | 200 | |
| Subtotal Miami-Houston | | 3,620 |

Travel to NYC to visit Harlem Children's Zone

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| Airfare @ \$300/person x 4 persons | 1,200 | |
| Accommodations @ \$200/night x 1 night x 4 persons | 800 | |
| Per Diem @ \$35/day x 2 days x 4 persons | 280 | |
| Ground Transportation (taxi, parking, rental car) @ \$50/person | 200 | |
| Subtotal Miami-New York | | 2,480 |

Travel to Jacksonville, FL to visit KIPP Duval

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| Airfare @ \$300/person x 4 persons | 1,200 | |
| Accommodations @ \$125/night x 1 night x 4 persons | 500 | |
| Per Diem @ \$35/day x 2 days x 4 persons | 280 | |
| Ground Transportation (taxi, parking, rental car) @ \$50/person | 200 | |
| Subtotal Miami-Jacksonville | | 2,180 |
| Subtotal Travel | | 8,280 |

Professional/Technical - Hire Consultant

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| Contract work with consultant to assist with project design, development of sustainable strategies and with development of comprehensive proposal | 1,720 | |
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Total \$ 10,000.00