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October 9, 2014

Mr. Adam Emerson
Charter Schools Director
Florida Department of Education

Dear Mr. Emerson:

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

If additional information is required, please contact Ms. Stephanie Pollard, District Director, Grants Administration, at 754 321-2260, or email at stephanie.pollard@browardschools.com.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent

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Attachments (2)

Cc: School Board Members

Michaelle Valburn-Pope, Executive Director, Student Support Initiatives
Amalio Nieves, Director, Diversity, Prevention & Intervention
David Watkins, Acting Director, Equity & Academic Attainment
Jody Perry, Director, Charter Schools Support
Stephanie Pollard, Director, Grants Administration

District-Charter Collaborative Compacts Planning Grant

Introduction: Broward County Public Schools (BCPS, 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 October 17, 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 Broward County students and families.

Tentative travel plans call for looking at national, regional and neighborhood-based charter school organizations. Preliminary plans include a visit to Harlem Children's Zone in New York City.

Key BCPS personnel who will travel to the proposed sites include the following: Leslie Brown, Chief Portfolio Services Officer, Michaelle Valbrun-Pope, Executive Director, Student Support Initiatives, Amalio Nieves, Director, Diversity, Prevention & Intervention, David Watkins, Acting Director, Equity & Academic Attainment, Jody Perry, Director, Charter School Support, Stephanie Pollard, Director, Grants Administration, and others as determined necessary.

Contract Work: In addition to travel costs, funds are requested to support the hiring of National Association Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) 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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Budget

A₁ Travel to visit successful out-of-state and in-state charter school organization/sites

Travel to NYC to visit Harlem Children's Zone

Airfare: \$300 per person x 6 persons	\$1,800
Accommodation: \$120 per night x 2 days x 6 persons	\$1,440
Meals: \$38 per day x 2 days x 6 persons	\$ 460
Ground transportation (miscellaneous) \$50 per person	<u>\$ 300</u>
Subtotal	\$4,000

B₁ Professional/Technical - Hire Consultant

NACSA: National Association Charter School Authorizers

William Haft	
Contract work with consultant to assist with project design, Development of sustainable strategies and with development Of comprehensive proposal	\$6,000

Total \$10,000