



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

December 18, 2013

Alberto M. Carvalho
School Board of Miami-Dade County
1450 NE Second Avenue, Suite 912
Miami, FL 33132

Dear Superintendent Carvalho:

I would like to extend my thanks to you and your staff for your hard work and collaboration with us as Miami-Dade Public Schools (M-DCPS) begins to implement its Race to the Top – District grant. Between April 8, 2013 and December 17, 2013, we received initial and revised school implementation plans and a detailed Scope of Work that is consistent with its approved application. We approve the Scope of Work and the format of the school implementation plan with the condition outlined below; the Scope of Work and school implementation plan include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures. As we have discussed with you, the Scope of Work may be subject to additional review and revision where appropriate over time.

Conditions:

- 1) In accordance with its approved application, M-DCPS must submit revised baseline and annual targets for (E)(3) Performance Measure – Health/Wellness: 7th grade immunization rates by January 24, 2014.
- 2) M-DCPS must submit college enrollment baseline and annual targets for all student subgroups (as defined in the FY 2012 Notice Inviting Applicationsⁱ) by April 1, 2014 when the data becomes available.

If M-DCPS fails to meet the requirements for the condition outlined above, the Department will take appropriate enforcement action.

On December 27, 2012, M-DCPS received a grant of \$29,999,054 with the condition that the grantee draw down no more than 10 percent of the grant prior to approval of M-

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DCPS' Scope of Work. The Department approved M-DCPS access to additional funding prior to approval of the Scope of Work on June 27, 2013 to cover immediate needs related to its project plan.ⁱⁱ In accordance with the condition outlined above, M-DCPS may access the remaining balance of the award. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of M-DCPS' Race to the Top - District plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

Furthermore, the Department approves M-DCPS' Personal Pathway Planning Platform Optional Budget Supplement Scope of Work; the Scope of Work includes specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures. On December 27, 2012, M-DCPS received an optional budget supplement grant totaling \$1,993,962 with the condition that the grantee draw down no more than 10 percent of the grant prior to approval of the grantee's Scope of Work. I am pleased to notify you that the remaining balance of the award is now available to M-DCPS. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of M-DCPS' Race to the Top - District plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

Sincerely,

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Ann Whalen
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cc: Lisette Alves, Race to the Top - District Project Director

ⁱ The FY2012 Notice Inviting Applications is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-16/pdf/2012-20037.pdf>.

ⁱⁱ On June 27, 2013, the Department approved M-DCPS to access \$11,047,050 to complete renovations on 49 iPrep Math learning centers for SY 2013-2014. The amount reflects the entire project budget and all work and funding obligations were completed in Year 1 of the grant.