TO: MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY

FROM: MICHAEL A. GREGO, Ed.D., SUPERINTENDENT

Please approve the following for submission for funding at the School Board Meeting of: April 23, 2013.

C. Title of Project: Adult Education and Family Literacy Adult General Education Grant

If this is a contractual agreement requiring bids or formal quotes, the director of purchasing has authorized this agreement according to purchasing requirements.

X The "**Checklist for Contractual Agreements**" form has been signed by the Project Manager and the Director of Purchasing, and submitted to the Director of Special Projects.

Amount of Project: \$1,468,501.00

Status of Project:

New: If Amendment:	Renewal:	Х	Amendment:
Fund Source:			
State:	Federal:	Х	Other:
Length of Project: <u>12</u>	_Months		
Starting Date: 7/1/2013			Ending Date: 6/30/2014

Strategic Direction(s): Student Achievement

Program Description:

This multi-agency project provides adult students with opportunities to acquire academic knowledge and skills to successfully transition into higher education or the workplace. The project's aim is student success by focusing on increased student performance and foundation skills. Students will be empowered to make realistic career choices, in order to become self-sufficient and to break intergenerational cycles of illiteracy and poverty. Though a comprehensive program of instruction, support services, and recruitment/retention, the populations of educationally disadvantaged adults (less than 9th grade), undereducated adults (non high-school graduates), incarcerated and adult offenders, institutionalized adults, adults in the workplace, minorities, immigrants, limited English proficient adults, at-risk youths (16 years or older) and family literacy participants will be served. An Agreement between Pinellas County Schools and READ Pinellas, Inc. focuses on support activities for increased student performance, especially among illiterate adults and beginning readers.

Rationale: If approved, grant project will provide the additional funds needed to provide enhanced instructional support services to approximately 10,000 low literate adult students that will help ensure their educational success.

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Usage in other districts: Yes No X

Visits by PCS Staff: N/A

Students to be served/Target Audience: Uneducated and undereducated adults (16 and older)

Performance Data, Research Findings, or Improvement Results:

	<u>LCPs</u>	<u>GEDs</u>
09-10	23,175	1,718
10-11	23,592	1,673
11-12	17,052	1,423
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Contact Person: Laura Sargent, Adult Education Managing Officer

Grant Proposal/Contract Developer(s): Michelle Steiner, Adult Education Coordinator Anne Morgan, Adult Education Coordinator

NO COST TO DISTRICT OPERATING FUNDS

Target Schools: Clearwater Adult Education Center, Dixie Hollins Adult Education Center, Lakewood Community School, Northeast Community School, Palm Harbor Community School, Tomlinson Adult Learning Center and PTEC centers.

Budget

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