

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:
June 11, 2013.

C. Title of Project: Renewal of Contract with the Early Learning Coalition for Florida First Start Program

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

___ 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.

 X N/A

Amount of Project: \$ 478,440.00

Status of Project:

New: Renewal: X Amendment:

If Amendment:

Additional Funds: Reduced Funds: Time Extension: Other:

Fund Source:

State: X Federal: Other:

Length of Project: 24 Months

Starting Date: July 1, 2013

Ending Date: June 30, 2015

Strategic Direction(s): Student Achievement

Program Description: The contract renewal will continue funding for the Florida First Start program that began in the District in 1990. Funding is through an agreement between the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and The School Board of Pinellas County. Florida First Start serves economically disadvantaged families with additional risk factors for future school failure in an effort to help children ages birth to five be ready for school.

Rationale: The program is designed to give a child the best possible start in life by supporting parents in their role as their child's first teacher. Service delivery model includes in-home visitation.

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Usage in other districts: NA Yes No

Visits by PCS Staff: NA Date: Person:

Students to be served/Target Audience: Low income families (150% Federal poverty Level or below) with very young children who are at risk for future school failure

Performance Data, Research Findings, or Improvement Results: Developmental screenings are completed at regular intervals. Parental understanding of school readiness competencies and ability to access local resources for basic needs is evaluated. Home environment assessments administered every six months indicate positive growth in both areas. Overall, after six months of full participation, over 80% of families provide more appropriate early learning experiences for their young children. This trend continues for the duration of the family's participation in the program.

Contact Person: Sandy Smith, Supervisor, ESE

Grant Proposal/Contract Developer(s): Lynne Faimalie, Florida First Start Project Manager

NO COST TO DISTRICT OPERATING FUNDS

Funder regulations only allow the Early Learning Coalition to reimburse the state rate for mileage. The District would be responsible for the difference between the state and the district mileage rates.

Target Schools: all schools

Budget

Personnel (Salaries & Fringe)	\$ 444,940.00
• 1 Project Manager (existing)	
• 1 Infant Toddler Specialist (existing)	
• 3 Paraprofessionals (existing)	
• Additional duty during summer	
Materials & Supplies	\$ 12,500.00
Travel & Registrations	\$ 19,000.00
Equipment and Other Capital Costs	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 478,440.00

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