

D. Title of Project: Race to the Top-District Grant

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: \$ 10,000,000.00

Status of Project:

New: X

Renewal:

Amendment:

If Amendment:

Additional Funds:

Reduced Funds:

Time Extension:

Other:

Fund Source:

State:

Federal: X

Other:

Length of Project: 48 Months

Starting Date: January 1, 2014

Ending Date: December 30, 2018

Strategic Direction(s): Student Achievement; Student Services

Program Description: The district is applying for a Race to the Top District grant to fund the Schools of Promise Initiative, an expansion of the Fairmount Park Children's Initiative pilot program that was implemented in Pinellas in 2009. The initiative was modeled after the Harlem Children Zone, designed to address the academic disparities and deficiencies among subgroups -particularly African Americans; as reflected in the student achievement data. The project will focus on academic excellence, professional development, school readiness, social services, extended learning program (before and after care), enrichment activities, and community integration. The project plan was strategically designed to target schools with 50% or higher African American student population, 75% or higher student population that receives Free/Reduced lunch, designated school grade of D's or F's, and identified feeder patterns that will eventually scale to the middle and high school. The five target schools are within a 2-7 mile radius, and include zip codes which make-up a conglomerate of impoverished neighborhoods. They include: Fairmount Park Elementary, Melrose Elementary, Campbell Park Elementary, Azalea Middle, and John Hopkins Middle.

Rationale: The Schools of Promise Initiative is in direct alignment with the district's strategic goals. It will focus on increasing achievement for all students, with an emphasis on closing the achievement gap, and turning around lowest performing schools. The project will benefit the

entire district by giving specialized support to the neediest populations, while developing and vetting processes and services that can be scaled.

Usage in other districts: Yes: No: X

Visits by PCS Staff: N/A Date: Person:

Students to be served/Target Audience: All PreK-8 grade students at Five Target Schools

Performance Data, Research Findings, or Improvement Results:

The Fairmount Park Children's Initiative prototype showed yearly improvements; the data results depicted achievement growth in reading and math, increased FCAT proficient levels, increase in school readiness, increase in parent engagement and decrease in discipline infractions.

Contact Person: Dr. Valerie Brimm, Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Grant Proposal/Contract Developer(s): Dr. Valerie Brimm, Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships; Neysa Jones, Grant Developer, Special Projects

NO COST TO DISTRICT OPERATING FUNDS

Target Schools: Fairmount Park Elementary, Melrose Elementary, Campbell Park Elementary, Azalea Middle and John Hopkins Middle

Budget:

Personnel (Salaries & Fringe)	\$ 4,686,813.00
• Project Manager	
• Clerk Specialist	
• Teachers	
• Teacher Assistants	
• Social Workers	
• Extended Learning Instructors	
• Stipends	
• Substitutes	
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,251,202.00
Travel & Registrations	\$ 733,435.00
Equipment and Other Capital Costs	\$ 1,048,734.00
• Computers	
• Printers	
• Software	
• Data Systems	
Purchased Services	\$ 1,973,014.00
• Professional Development	
• Enrichment	

Indirect Costs (Federal Funds Only) \$ 336,802.00

TOTAL \$10,000,000.00