

AGENDA REQUEST FORM
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Meeting Date 08/18/09	Open Agenda Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time Certain Request Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agenda Item Number F-1
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TITLE: New Agreement with MDRC	
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve a new agreement with MDRC.	
SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND: MDRC, a nationally known and respected policy research institution, was created in 1974 by the Ford Foundation and a group of federal agencies. MDRC is best known for mounting large-scale evaluations of real-world policies and programs targeted to low-income people. MDRC recently applied for and received a grant award from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute for Educational Science and the district will be a sub-recipient of the federal grant funds to participate in the research study. The attached agreement from MDRC will award up to \$100,000 per year to the District for the purposes of participating in MDRC's five-year federal grant project. The goal of this collaborative grant is to study the impact of Ninth Grade Academies (NGAs) that have been brought to scale districtwide with typical district and school supports. Broward County Public Schools' NGAs are the target population. The agreement will be continued for four subsequent years, subject to funding from the U.S. Department of Education. The School Board Attorney has approved this contract as to form and legal content. This agreement will be executed after School Board approval.	
SCHOOL BOARD GOALS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Goal One: Raise achievement of all students to ensure graduation from high school and readiness for post-secondary Education. <input type="checkbox"/> *Goal Two: Improve the health and wellness of students and personnel. <input type="checkbox"/> *Goal Three: Provide a safe and secure physical and technological environment for all students and employees. <input type="checkbox"/> *Goal Four: Promote innovation which focuses on best practices and quality efforts that improve our best-in-class position. <input type="checkbox"/> *Goal Five: Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize high performing and diverse faculty and personnel. <input type="checkbox"/> *Goal Six: Build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, area, and district level. <input type="checkbox"/> *Goal Seven: Ensure district's leadership as an environmental steward through innovative ecology and energy conservation programs.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: The positive financial impact is up to \$100,000 per year from MDRC. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.	
EXHIBITS: (List) Proposed agreement.	
BOARD ACTION: <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">APPROVED</div> <small>(For Official School Board Records' Office Only)</small>	SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Robert Branch 754-321-2260 <hr/> <small>Name Phone</small>

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Dr. Joanne W. Harrison, Deputy Superintendent
Educational Programs & Student Support

Approved in Open Board Meeting
on:

AUG 18 2009

Maurice S. Dineen

School Board Chair

By:
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