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Facilities Planning and Construction
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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE FOR
VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Florida Statutes require that educational facilities be adequate in size to meet the educational needs of the students to be served. Pursuant to s.235.19 Florida Statute, the Florida Department of Education recommends standard site sizes for educational plants. Exceptions to recommended site sizes are allowed, provided the Board, by a two-thirds majority, recommends the site and finds that it can provide an appropriate and equitable educational program on such site.

An exception to the standard site size for the following schools is necessary:

1. Everglades Elementary
2. Milam Elementary
3. Westview Middle

1. Everglades Elementary:

The school is located at 8375 S.W. 16th Street in Miami-Dade. The school is on an 11.00 acre site owned by the Board.

In order for this site to accommodate a K-8 school with a survey recommended capacity of 1232, a site exception must be approved.

This site is currently four acres under the site size recommended by the Department of Education.

2. Milam Elementary:

The school is located at 6020 West 16th Avenue in Hialeah. The school is on an 9.64 acre site owned by the Board.

In order for this site to accommodate a K-8 school with a survey recommended capacity of 1243, a site exception must be approved.

This site is currently 5.36 acres under the site size recommended by the Department of Education.

4. **Westview Middle:**

The school is located at 1901 N.W. 127th Street in Miami-Dade. The school is on an 8.64 acre site owned by the Board.

In order for this site to accommodate a middle school with a survey recommended student capacity of 1165, a site exception must be approved.

This site is currently 5.36 acres under the site size recommended by the Department of Education.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- (1) approve the exception to the existing site size for the educational facility referenced herein; and
- (2) authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Commissioner of Education at the Florida Department of Education, the Board-approved site exception for the educational facility referenced herein.

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