

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of February 10, 1999

February 5, 1999

Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF SPECIFIC PROCEDURES RELATING TO
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND
BUILDING INDUSTRY

At the Board Meeting of August 26, 1998, we adopted a resolution which recognized developers for their contributions of land and money and encouraged them to work with the District in public/private partnerships, recognizing our need for land in new developments for school construction.

In order to foster these valuable relationships and encourage more public/private partnerships, the District should periodically review its procedures to ensure they are not outdated or unnecessarily restrictive. As Chair of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee, I am requesting that the Superintendent and staff conduct a review in two specific areas as follows:

1. Determine if there are ways to expedite and simplify existing procedures related to developer land contributions (e.g., expedite the process by which appraisals are ordered and completed) so that such contributions are more likely to be offered.
2. Determine if the procedures for school construction by developers (e.g., plan reviews, inspections, payment processing) can be made more user-friendly.

Once such review is conducted, a report should be brought back to the Board, which would include any recommendations for change.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to review and prepare a report regarding improving and simplifying District procedures as outlined above.

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REPLACEMENT

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