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Facilities Planning and Construction  
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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE FOR  
LAKE STEVENS MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

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 school is necessary:

**1. Lake Stevens Middle School:**

The school is located at 18484 N.W. 48th Place in Miami-Dade. The school is on a 12.0 acre site owned by the Board.

In order for this site to accommodate an elementary school with a survey recommended capacity of 1155, a site exception must be approved.

This site is currently 2.00 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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