

Facilities Planning and Construction  
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- SUBJECT: 1. AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS OFFICE AND INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS**
- 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PAYMENT TO GE CAPITAL MODULAR FOR THE RENTAL OF MOBILE OFFICE AND INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS**

At its August meeting, the Board authorized payment to Williams Scotsman, Inc. for leasing of various trailers being used as instructional and office space. The Board also authorized negotiating the purchase of units from this vendor for which a verifiable need was established (Board Meeting of August 25, 1999, Item J-4). At that meeting, staff disclosed that trailers are also being leased from GE Capital Modular Space (GE), and that analysis of costs for GE and concomitant recommendations, would be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Staff is currently investigating final buy-out costs of units owned by GE for which end users can provide documentation of the need for continued use. Units determined to be unnecessary will be returned to the vendor.

An analysis of the eight instructional/office spaces rented from GE indicates that seven are necessary to retain on a permanent basis. These facilities are essential to the programs and services offered, and removal or replacement would severely impact delivery of such services. Three of these essential facilities are utilized by Hialeah Elementary School, one is located at Central West Transportation Center, one serves as the Region I School Police office, one is located at West Miami Middle School and one is located at Miami Beach Senior High School.

Additionally, staff is seeking authorization to make payment to GE for rental of the trailers, commencing September 1, 1998 through February 29, 2000 for an amount not to exceed \$103,260.

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

1. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the purchase of various mobile office/ instructional facilities currently in use and leased by the District from GE Capital Modular Space; and
2. authorize payment to GE Capital Modular Space in an amount not to exceed \$103,260 for the period September 1, 1998 through February 29, 2000, for the utilization of eight mobile office and instructional facilities.

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