

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A NEW FACILITY TO HOUSE THE NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**

The New World School of the Arts (NWSA) is a center of excellence for the performing and visual arts and offers academic and artistic studies for talented high school and college students. NWSA provides comprehensive programs to develop student artistic, creative, and academic achievements through a curriculum leading to a high school diploma, Associate of Arts degree, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

NWSA was created as a partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade Community College, and the State University System. The University of Florida serves as the State University System representative.

On September 8, 1999, staff from Miami-Dade Community College and Miami-Dade County Public Schools met to finalize the facilities list for the design/construction of the new facility for the New World School of the Arts, which will house the existing 9th grade through college program. A copy of the facilities list and memorandum of understanding will be provided to School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

The following items are subject to approval by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will finance the project by using a Certificate of Participation for the design/construction costs of the new facility;
2. the identified facilities list will meet the arts needs of both high school and college students as well as the academic needs of the high school program;

3. the costs to operate the school will be negotiated and mutually agreed upon by the three institutions at a later date; and
4. the governance agreement and the organizational structure will be jointly reviewed to address issues and circumstances which impact the three institutions at a later date.

The signature on the memo of understanding of the three CEO's, Mr. Roger C. Cuevas, representing Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, President, Miami-Dade Community College, and Dr. Charles E. Young, Interim President, University of Florida, signify agreement to proceed in the development of the design and commencing of construction of the new facility for the New World School of the Arts.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to enter into a memorandum of understanding, with Miami-Dade Community College and University of Florida, which contains the following conditions:

1. Miami-Dade County Public Schools will finance the project by using a Certificate of Participation for the design/construction costs of the new facility, pending final approval of the board;
2. the identified facilities list will meet the arts needs of both high school and college students, as well as the academic needs of the high school program;
3. the costs to operate the school will be negotiated and mutually agreed upon by the three institutions at a later date; and
4. the governance agreement and the organizational structure will be jointly reviewed to address issues and circumstances which impact the three institutions at a later date.

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