

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A JOINT-USE PROPOSAL BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE AND THE THEODORE R. GIBSON MEMORIAL FUND, INC., TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SECURE FUNDS TO BUILD/REMODEL A SCHOOL IN WEST COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA, WITH SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM AREAS AT THE COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
IX- COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

On August 14, 1998, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorized the Superintendent to investigate the feasibility of establishing an educational program at a school site to be built by Miami-Dade County Public Schools on property owned by the Theodore R. Gibson Memorial Fund, Inc., on Grand Avenue, West Coconut Grove, Florida. It was decided jointly by The Theodore R. Gibson Memorial Fund's Executive Board and Miami-Dade County Public Schools' staff that the educational plan for the school should strongly emphasize the development of critical thinking, communication, and speech and debate skills. An innovative component of this educational plan would also include the use of arts educational strategies, coupled with a multitude of performing opportunities that would motivate students to explore work-related opportunities in these areas. This program would also strive to include the community in a positive and on-going manner. To that end, the Coconut Grove Playhouse, in accord with the Theodore R. Gibson Memorial Fund, Inc., has requested that these three entities submit a joint-use proposal to the Florida Legislature to secure funds to build/remodel this school.

There is no cost to the district relative to this cooperative agreement.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to submit a joint-use proposal by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Coconut Grove Playhouse, and the Theodore R. Gibson Memorial Fund, Inc., to the Florida Legislature to secure funds to build/remodel a school in West Coconut Grove, Florida.

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