

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR SAFETY-TO-LIFE DEFICIENCIES

At the May 17, 2000 Board Conference Session, staff presented a report which indicated that an expenditure of at least \$30,000,000 would be necessary for the corrections of safety-to-life deficiencies. Funds for these corrective measures will be forthcoming from Maintenance and Operations (\$10 million) and Capital Improvement Projects (\$20 million) budgets and would be expended on repairs and capital items, i.e., the provision of additional means of egress, fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, exit lights and emergency lighting. These are the major cost items.

Staff indicated that the funding source for the \$30,000,000 would involve a five-year loan, utilizing a revenue anticipation note, to be allocated in the 2000-2001 capital budget. In the meantime, in order to expedite the corrective measures, staff will immediately begin the professional service firm(s) selection process, thereby enabling the design work to begin as soon as the budget is approved.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize expenditures by Maintenance and Operations and by Capital Improvement Projects totaling \$30,000,000, for the correction of safety-to-life deficiencies. These funds are to be allocated in FY2000-2001 maintenance and capital budgets.

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