

Facilities Planning and Construction
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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE FOR
MAE M. WALTERS ELEMENTARY 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, as amended by the 1995 Legislature, 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 Mae M. Walters Elementary School, Project A0750C, New Media Center, is necessary:

The school is located at 650 West 33rd Street in Hialeah. The school is on a 3.73 acre site owned by the Board.

In order for this site to accommodate the addition, resulting in a total facility survey recommended student capacity of 847, a site exception must be approved.

This site is currently 6.27 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 Mae M. Walters Elementary; and
- (2) authorize the Superintendent or his designee to submit to the Commissioner of Education at the Florida Department of Education, the Board-approved site exception.

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