

Facilities Planning and Construction
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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE SCIENCE/ZOO MAGNET PROGRAM AT RICHMOND HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Since September 1988, the Board has leased vacant land at Miami Metrozoo, located at 12400 S.W. 152 Street, to service the Science/Zoo Magnet Program at Richmond Heights Middle School, from Miami-Dade County, under a joint operating agreement. A total of four Board-owned portable classrooms are currently installed and in use on the leased premises. The current term of the joint operating agreement will expire on May 31, 2001.

Pursuant to negotiating procedures, a Management Team meeting was held on February 12, 2001, for direction on negotiating strategies and parameters. Based on this direction, a renewal of the joint operating agreement with the County for an additional one-year term was recommended.

All terms and conditions of the joint operating agreement will remain unchanged, including the annual lease rate of \$14,400, which translates to \$300 per portable classroom per month, and annual reimbursement for utilities of \$7,200 (\$150 per portable classroom per month). Under the joint operating agreement, County staff is available on a regular basis to provide information, lectures, and tours to public and non-public areas of MetroZoo. The term of the renewal option period will commence June 1, 2001, and will end May 31, 2002. This renewal represents the thirteenth of an unlimited number of one-year renewal option periods available under the joint operating agreement. No physical improvements requiring the use of District funds are necessary as a result of the proposed Board action.

The principal of Richmond Heights Middle School, Region Superintendent for Region VI, and Deputy Superintendent of Education recommend approval of the proposed joint operating agreement renewal.

The owner of the property is Miami-Dade County.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the renewal of the joint operating agreement with Miami-Dade County for the placement of four Board-owned portable classrooms at Miami Metrozoo for the Science/Zoo Magnet Program, at an annual lease rate of \$14,400 and an additional utilities reimbursement of \$7,200 per year. The term of the renewal option period will commence June 1, 2001, and will end May 31, 2002. All other terms and conditions of the joint operating agreement will remain unchanged.

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