

Facilities Planning and Construction  
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**SUBJECT: REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY OF MIAMI FOR MAINTENANCE COSTS  
AT SIX CITY PARKS AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CITY OF MIAMI FOR USE OF SIX CITY PARKS FOR 2001-02**

Since October 1994, the Board has utilized six City of Miami (City) parks for the daily recreational activities of adjacent schools under a license agreement with the City. These sites are Gibson Park/Douglass Elementary, Ambrister Park/Carver Elementary, Lemon City Park/Toussaint L'Overture Elementary, Range Park/Edison Park Elementary, Shenandoah Park/Shenandoah Middle and West End Park/Fairlawn Elementary. The Board has exclusive use of these sites during school hours.

The agreement requires the City to furnish 100% of the maintenance of the park sites and for the Board to reimburse the City for 60% of its costs; with 60% representing the amount of actual usage by the schools each year. In addition, the District will pay for those utilities used during the District's period of use and reimburse the City for a proportionate share of the costs associated with the City's administrative personnel necessary for maintenance of the park sites used by the schools. District staff, including the six school principals, have reviewed the back-up information supplied by the City for the current billing period, and confirmed that the amount due the City for the period of January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001, is \$94,523.

Pursuant to established procedures, a Management Team (MT) meeting was held on May 21, 2001, for direction on negotiating strategies and parameters. Based on this direction, a renewal of the license agreement with the City of Miami for an additional one-year term was recommended. The MT further recommended that staff initiate discussions with the City to renegotiate the agreement in an attempt to reduce the cost to the School District, prior to the next annual renewal.

All terms and conditions of the license agreement will remain unchanged. The term of the renewal option period will commence October 1, 2001, and will end September 30, 2002. This renewal represents the third of an unlimited number of one-year renewal options available under the license agreement. No physical improvements requiring the use of District funds are necessary as a result of the proposed Board action.

The Region Superintendent for Region IV and Deputy Superintendent of School Operations recommend renewal of the license agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize payment of \$94,523 to the City of Miami for 60% of actual maintenance and utility costs incurred for the use of six City of Miami park/school sites for the period of January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001; and
2. authorize renewal of the license agreement with the City of Miami for the use of six City of Miami parks, with the Board to reimburse the City for 60% of its actual costs. The term of the renewal option period will commence October 1, 2001, and will end September 30, 2002. All other terms and conditions of the license agreement will remain unchanged; and
3. direct staff to enter into discussions with the City of Miami to renegotiate the license agreement in an attempt to reduce the cost to the School District, prior to the next annual renewal.

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