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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD RESOLVING OVERCROWDING AND SEWER CONNECTION ISSUES AT CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES

The City of Coral Gables initiated conflict resolution procedures provided in Chapter 764, Florida Statutes, to address alleged overcrowding and sewer connection issues at various public schools within the City. The City and School Board had several conflict assessment meetings resulting in the resolution of their differences as contained in the Agreement provided to the Board under separate cover. On December 11, 2001, the Coral Gables City Commission approved the terms of the settlement Agreement.

The main points of the Agreement are as follows:

- The City of Coral Gables withdraws the conflict resolution procedure it initiated.
- Staggered schedules for Coral Gables Senior High School will commence for the 2002-2003 academic year if approved by the School Board in order to alleviate overcrowding.
- The previously approved capital improvement project of \$10.0 million will proceed, providing 830 student stations resulting in the removal of existing portables upon completion of construction.
- The City of Coral Gables will provide the pump station upgrades and allow sewer connections for Ponce de Leon Middle School and Coral Gables Senior High School. The School Board will pay its proportional share of the cost for the upgrades, but will not be assessed impact fees or service availability fees.
- The School Board staff will assist and provide information and procedural assistance to the Coral Gables PTA during the ABC process.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. The good cause to vary from the agenda is that the Coral Gables City Commission approved the agreement on December 11, 2001, and until the Board approves it, the City will not proceed with the pump upgrades.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to execute the Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the Miami-Dade County School Board, resolving all issues concerning overcrowding and connections of sewer lines for public schools located within the City of Coral Gables.

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