

Facilities Planning and Construction
Freddie Woodson, Chief Facilities Officer (Maintenance)

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE LEASE OF SELECTED MOBILE
OFFICE UNITS**

Pursuant to authorization granted by the Board on July 19, 2000, the District purchased five trailers located at FDLRS and Jane Roberts Elementary from Williams Scotsman, Inc. (WS). Additionally, the Board authorized staff to continue negotiations to purchase the remaining units leased from WS, and authorized lease payments until December 31, 2001 to allow time for such activities.

Staff, in pursuit of negotiations to acquire the remaining units was unable to reach a settlement with WS because the vendor was unwilling to offer a reasonable purchase price. It was determined that the best course of action would be to secure replacement units through the use of bids issued by another governmental agency, and the Board has approved this approach at its meeting of November 14, 2001, Item G-64.

After review of available contracts, staff has determined that purchase of replacement units will cost \$257,874. However, in light of the current funding constraints, it is recommended that purchase of replacement units be phased, and that the units be replaced individually, rather than as group. The most deteriorated would be replaced first, based on funding availability, with replacement of the remaining units being deferred until the advent of a more favorable fiscal environment. Due to a manufacturing backlog, units cannot be delivered for 8 weeks, therefore, it is requested that the District extend the lease of the existing units until June 30, 2002 at a cost not to exceed \$14,000. This will allow time for delivery, setup, connection, and also provide time for the District to fully assess its priorities in the context of its resources.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize payment to Williams Scotsman, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$14,000 for the period January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002 for the utilization of mobile office units.

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