

Facilities Planning and Construction
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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE FOR
NORTH TWIN LAKES ELEMENTARY**

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, 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 the following school is necessary:

1. NORTH TWIN LAKES ELEMENTARY:

The addition will be located at 625 West 74th Place Hialeah. The school is on a 7.47 acre site owned by the Board.

In order for this site to accommodate an elementary school and meet the state recommended 8-acre requirement, a site exception must be approved.

This site is currently .53 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 North Twin Lakes Elementary and
- (2) authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Commissioner of Education at the Florida Department of Education, the Board-approved site exception.

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