

Facilities planning
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF A 1.3-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT FOR A PARENT DROP-OFF FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

In order to increase accessibility to George Washington Carver Middle School (School) and the safety of the students, District staff approached the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD), as an adjacent property owner, to explore the conveyance of approximately 1.3 acres of its land to create an alternate ingress with a parent drop-off lane (see attached location map). Presently, the property is subject to a right of reverter in favor of the City of Miami in the event the land is not used by WASD. Both parties have expressed a willingness to convey the land to the School Board at no cost.

The Superintendent of Region IV and the School principal both highly recommend acceptance of the conveyance for the following reasons:

- Safety would be greatly enhanced by having a dedicated drop-off with a stacking capacity of 20 cars. Students would not have to cross traffic to enter the School as they presently do when parents park on Loquat Street, approximately a block away;
- Traffic congestion around the facility would be improved, as there would be sufficient room for not only a dedicated drop-off but also a by-pass lane. Traffic should therefore be easier to control and move more efficiently around the site;
- A new access point into the school facility on the south side could be provided also improving circulation and reducing congestion within the School site itself as well as create a more pleasing aesthetic appearance; and
- The drop-off as described above, would comply with State Requirements for Educational Facilities and District requirements for an on-site parent drop-off.

The preliminary construction cost estimate for the project is \$215,000, exclusive of normal project costs contingency and professional fees. Capital construction funds have been identified for this project.

RECOMMENDED:

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the acceptance of a conveyance of a 1.3-acre parcel of land owned by Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, at no cost to the School District, for a parent drop-off for George Washington Carver Middle School, subject to due diligence and clear title.

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LOCATION MAP

