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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE FOR
HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

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, as amended by the 1995 Legislature, 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 Holmes Elementary School, Project A0825S2501CM, Classroom addition, is necessary:

The school is located at 1175 N.W. 67th Street in Miami-Dade. The existing school is located on a 7.22 acre site owned by the Board.

In order for the site to accommodate the addition, resulting in a total facility survey recommended capacity of 1022 (which includes the transfer of 30 satisfactory relocatable stations to other District use), a site exception must be approved.

This site is currently 4.78 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 Holmes Elementary School; and
- (2) authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Commissioner of Education at the Florida Department of Education, the Board-approved site exceptions for the educational facilities referenced herein.