

Agustin J. Barrera, Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS; TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RE: THEIR PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION NEEDS; AND TO EXPLORE GRANT FUNDING FOR SAME

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has several buildings that are more than forty years old. In some cases, these buildings may be qualified as historical landmarks only in the opinions of the residents of our community. No formal process has been developed to determine whether the structures meet state and/or federal historical guidelines and whether it is cost effective and feasible to preserve them. The purpose and intent of this item is to request that the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to create a committee of professionals to work with appropriate staff to:

1. determine the criteria and process for identifying School Board owned historically significant buildings;
2. identify their preservation and/or maintenance needs;
3. identify federal and state grant opportunities for funding those needs; and
4. recommend submitting appropriate grant applications.

It is important that our school district be proactive in identifying such buildings and in planning ahead in regard to their possible preservation, as well as their maintenance and/or renovation. Knowing that the maintenance and renovation of such facilities is frequently more costly than the same for newer buildings, the committee should include in its recommendations a plan to inform the community of costs.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
AGUSTIN J. BARRERA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to create a committee to identify Miami-Dade County Public Schools' historically significant buildings; to make recommendations re their preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation; and to explore grant funding for same.

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REPLACEMENT
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