

Business Operations  
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE ADDITION OF A P. E. SHELTER AND LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES AT HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE AND TO AMEND THE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Background

Pursuant to School Board (Board) direction at its meeting of November 20, 2002, staff investigated the possibility of accommodating requests from several of the parents of students attending Herbert A. Ammons Middle School (Ammons Middle) to add a Physical Education Shelter (P.E. Shelter), assembly area and Locker Room Facilities.

Ammons Middle is an educational facility comprised entirely of relocatable buildings, sited on an approximate 5-acre tract adjacent to a county park. Through the years, facilities at Ammons Middle have been upgraded to the extent possible; however, because of its entirely portable nature and site size constraints, the facility lacks many of the amenities commonly provided by the Board at a typical middle school facility.

The absence of a P.E. Shelter, assembly space and locker room facilities were three deficiencies specifically identified by the parents, School Principal, and the Region for review and funding consideration by the School District. Pursuant to consultations among all the interested parties, the recommendation is to provide a 3,600 square foot pre-fabricated metal shelter with appropriate system modifications, including benches and drainage, widening of walkways, and covering of selected walkways; the total estimated cost of this solution is \$733,804. The total estimated cost of the Locker Room Facilities is \$757,248. The total project cost of providing a P.E. shelter and the locker room facility will be \$1,491,052.

Additional Information

The project specifics were presented to the School Site Planning and Construction Committee (SSPCC) for consideration at its January 9, 2003 meeting. After discussing the merits of the project and receiving public input, including comments from parents of Ammons Middle students, faculty and Region VI administration, the SSPCC recommended to the Board, by a 5-0 vote, approval of the project and the appropriate amendment to the 5-year work program.

In order to fully fund the project in the total amount of \$1,491,052 beyond the current available project appropriation of \$179,000, it will be necessary to shift funding priorities as follows:

- Miami Southridge Senior High School track (\$250,000);
- Region VI Administrative office (\$233,000); and
- Central Contingency (local bond fund) (\$829,052).

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to:

1. amend the five year work program to provide for the construction of a P.E. Shelter and Locker Room Facilities for a total project cost of \$1,491,052 at Ammons Middle School as generally described above; and
2. approve budget transfers from the locations listed above in order to fund the construction of a P.E. Shelter and Locker Room facilities at Ammons Middle School.

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