

Business Operations
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE K-8 CENTER FORMERLY
 APPROVED FOR LILLIE C. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 LOCATED AT 1895 N.W. 75TH STREET, TO EUGENIA B.
 THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 5950 N.W.
 114TH AVENUE**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Background

The School Board approved 5-Year Work Program contains an appropriation for the conversion of Lillie C. Evans Elementary (L.C. Evans) to a K-8 facility. A substantial drop in enrollment at L.C. Evans to 284 students as of 12/07/02 with a resulting F.I.S.H. utilization rate of 36.17%, has negated the need for the previously contemplated conversion. Review of growth trends in that same region by the Region Superintendent and other School District staff, indicates that Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School (Eugenia B. Thomas) would be a suitable host site for the relocation of the proposed K-8 conversion project. As of 12/07/02 the F.I.S.H. utilization rate of that school 121.19%.

These trends were discussed with the School Site Planning and Construction Committee (SSPCC) at its meeting of January 9, 2003, after which the SSPCC voted 5-0 to recommend to the School Board approval of the K-8 relocation from L.C. Evans to Eugenia B. Thomas.

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

1. change the K-8 Center formerly approved for the Lillie C. Evans Elementary School site to the Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School site;
2. submit a request to the Department of Education to amend the Bond resolution to use the funds at the Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School site in lieu of the Lillie C. Evans Elementary School site;
3. submit a survey recommendation to the Department of Education to provide the K-8 Center at the Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School site in lieu of the Lillie C. Evans Elementary School site;
4. authorize the appropriate revision to the five-year work program and the transfer of funds previously assigned to the K-8 Center at the Lillie C. Evans Elementary School to the Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School site pending approval by the Department of Education; and
5. amend the A/E contract to design the K-8 Center at the Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School site in lieu of the Lillie C. Evans Elementary School site.

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