

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AS A PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD FOR NEW PROJECTS AND TO REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH A RECOMMENDED MODEL FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**COMMITTEE:       FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

In recent months, several constructions related initiatives have been undertaken by the School Board to improve the District's delivery of educational facilities, specifically as it relates to time, quality and cost. Most significant among those initiatives are:

- 1) the April 9, 2003 School Board directive to staff that it assess the District's prototype facilities list program requirements and design standards and propose cost savings measures to the Board for consideration;
- 2) the June 18, 2003 School Board directive to staff for implementation of action steps and activities to address the recommendations of the Miami-Dade Land Acquisition and Facilities Maintenance Operations Advisory Board;

To complement the positive initiatives already underway, and the additional requirement for new student stations as part of the class size reduction amendment require that the district explore other means by which to design and construct new student stations. One other way in which the construction process could be further improved, particularly as it relates to time and potentially cost, is Program Management as a delivery method for new projects. The intent being to have under contract no less than three Program Management (PM) firms that would serve as an extension of the Facilities Department for the construction of new schools on an as needed basis. This would free up district staff to focus on reorganization and the many additions, renovations, life safety & ADA compliance projects that are on-going in the district on a yearly basis. It is my recommendation that the School Board direct the Superintendent of Schools to explore this matter further, including researching how this construction delivery method is used in peer school districts, and to recommend to the Board a proposed model for implementation.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools to determine the feasibility of Program Management as a project delivery method for new projects as described above, and to report to the Board with a recommended model for implementation by no later than the October Board meeting.