

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY
 SCHOOL SITE AT EUGENIA B. THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
 EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21, 2003**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

The community surrounding Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School (EBTES) has been working cooperatively to provide community programs for children and adults of all ages. To assist in these efforts, authorization is requested to establish a community school at EBTES.

The community school at EBTES will serve as a vehicle to provide opportunities for dialogue, planning, and activities for the community. Additionally, it will provide the community with access to the school facility beyond the regular school day.

The principal notified ACCESS Center 3 and the Office of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Community Education of the desire to open EBTES as a community school. The request was reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent, Office of Adult/Vocational, Alternative and Community Education; the Assistant Superintendent, ACCESS Center 3; the Associate Superintendent, Instructional Operations; the Associate Superintendent, ACCESS Centers; and the Chief Education Officer and Deputy Superintendent of Schools. All parties concur with the request.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 9100, Program 6500, Objects 5113/5137 and Location 0071.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to establish a community school at Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School effective August 21, 2003.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 2003-2004 Adopted Budget.

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