

Business Operations
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**SUBJECT: BOB GRAHAM EDUCATION CENTER
CONSTRUCTION OF GENERAL PURPOSE TWELVE
CLASSROOM MODULAR ADDITION**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Background

At the October 22, 2003 Board Meeting, a construction contract was awarded for the middle school component, S/S "TT", at the Bob Graham Education Center. The projected completion date for the new construction is November 2004. Because the addition will not be completed in time for the 2004-2005 school year, there is a need to provide alternative classroom facilities for the sixth through eighth grade component. Facilities staff and the Access Center have reviewed the needs of the school and, based on projected growth, are recommending that a modular addition be built on the existing site. The estimated project cost is \$1,947,000. The source of funds would be from the District's Classroom First Reserve.

Additional Information

1. Bob Graham Education Center's current sixth grade enrollment is 212 students. It is projected that by the time the current sixth graders enter seventh grade for the 2004-2005 school year, there will be approximately 250 seventh grade students enrolled. This would bring the projected total of middle school students to 462.
2. State School "TT", which will house the sixth through eighth graders, is not projected to be ready for occupancy until January 2005.
3. State School "TT's" occupancy is 482 student stations. By August 2005, enrollment in grade six through eight is estimated to be between 700 and 750 students. This will exceed the design capacity of the middle school component by 268 students.
4. Currently, at Bob Graham Education Center, all available classroom space is being utilized. All Art, Music and Spanish teachers are currently "floating." Speech classes meet in the Media Center. ESE teachers and counselors are sharing space with classroom teachers.
5. If classroom space above and beyond the existing permanent structure is not provided, there will not be any available classrooms for the seventh grade in the 2004-2005 school year, and not enough space for the eighth grade upon the completion of State School "TT".

The Chief Education Officer and Deputy Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the \$1,947,000 in District Classroom First Reserve Funds be prioritized to fund this project.

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RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- a. approve the construction of a general purpose twelve classroom modular addition on the Bob Graham Education Center site;
- b. amend the five year facilities work plan to include the addition to Bob Graham Education Center; and
- c. authorize the transfer of funds from the District's Classroom First Reserves.