

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of April 14, 2004

April 12, 2004

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW THE
FEASIBILITY OF INCORPORATING AN AUDITORIUM IN STATE
SCHOOL NN1 (LAWTON CHILES RELIEF)**

At the October 22, 2003 meeting the School Board approved Item E-7, which established new facilities lists for all types of educational facilities in the district, taking into consideration the requirements of the small class size amendment and the district's overall goal to reduce costs. As part of the new facilities list for middle schools, the auditorium space was deleted and instead, a cafetorium space was included, which provides for a combined cafeteria/stage area. More recently at the January 14, 2004 meeting, the Board approved Item E-25 commissioning The Architectural Partnership (TAP), to develop the Design Criteria Package for State School NN1, which is to be located on N.W. 75th Place, just south of N.W. 186th Street; this school will relieve Lawton Chiles Middle School.

Staff has advised that given the active nature of the high density residential community within which this new school will be located, a separate auditorium space for student and community activities would be highly desirable. As such, I am requesting that the Superintendent be authorized to review the feasibility of providing for the referenced auditorium space as part of the facilities list for State School NN1. Should this request be approved by the Board, it is my understanding that the Superintendent will ensure that the review is coordinated with the appropriate ACCESS Center designee, as there may be the need to reduce scope in other areas to comply with state-mandated cost per student station caps, in the event the auditorium is recommended to be added. I would also recommend that the Superintendent give consideration to a process that will allow for some flexibility in the decision-making process as it relates to the facilities list.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the agenda in order to allow the district to conduct an expeditious review of this matter, before the Design Criteria Package is further developed and finalized.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to review the feasibility of providing for an auditorium space as part of the facilities list for State School NN1, as further outlined above.

GOOD CAUSE

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