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Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Member

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW THE
FEASIBILITY OF A CURRICULUM-BASED PROTOTYPICAL
FACILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN K-8 CONVERSION
PROJECTS**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Recently, there has been renewed interest in K-8 conversions at a number of existing elementary schools. Presently, these conversions are done on a case-by-case basis through the addition of a Middle Learning Center (MLC) and generally include not only general purpose classrooms and a cafeteria, but also other spaces such as art and music labs, vocational labs, administrative space and a P.E. multi-purpose room. In order to better prepare the School Board for future discussions on this topic, particularly as to cost and time implications, I am requesting that the Superintendent review the feasibility of a curriculum-based prototypical MLC facility for possible implementation in future K-8 conversions. This MLC would encompass only basic required spaces such as general purpose classrooms, cafeteria and bathroom facilities but not the more elaborate spaces referenced above.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to review the feasibility of a curriculum-based prototypical facility for implementation in K-8 conversions, as more specifically detailed above.