

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO INITIATE A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXPAND THE JAN MANN OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL SITE LOCATED AT 16101 NW 44 COURT AND 16150 NW 42 AVENUE TO INCLUDE AN ATHLETIC FACILITY AND A NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART CHOICE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASED ON THE ACADEMY MODEL TO INCLUDE ACADEMIES OF AVIATION SCIENCE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, SPORTS MEDICINE, AND TEACHING ARTS; AND ENTER INTO DIALOGUE WITH FLORIDA MEMORIAL COLLEGE TO FORM A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Florida Memorial College (FMC) has expressed an interest in expanding the size and scope of the Jan Mann Opportunity School to assist the school district in relieving overcrowding and providing greater opportunities for educational choice to parents. It is proposed that a career-related, all-academy choice senior high school with a state-of-the-art athletic facility in close proximity be built. Construction is required to accommodate both the academy model senior high school and the athletic facility.

Florida Memorial College has indicated a preference to acquire land owned by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, currently occupied by Jan Mann Opportunity School, located at 16101 NW 44 Court and the North Transportation Center, located at 16150 NW 42 Avenue, to construct an athletic facility. However, FMC is also interested in an educational joint venture with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) whereby M-DCPS would build a senior high school and athletic facility and FMC would operate one or both of the M-DCPS facilities, and incorporate its educational curriculum.

Career academies take the form of small, personalized, learning communities within a high school. Students are able to complete academy requirements during the traditional school day, with the exception of internships and dual enrollment classes. Realization of the all-academy senior high school and the athletic facility would provide a widely adopted reform model that combines academies and career-development opportunities. It would involve FMC and M-DCPS in a joint venture aimed at improving academic achievement, providing access to higher education programs, and promoting parental choice.

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The completion of the new school and the athletic facility requires funding, the relocation of the North Transportation Center, specialized equipment and classroom designs for each academy, and industry and higher education partnership agreements.

Cost factors and the benefit to the community must be weighed. Costs would be substantial and require a sizable commitment by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, FMC, industry partners, and community groups with an interest in the proposed academy themes.

The feasibility study and a proposed budget should be presented to Board Members no later than the Board Meeting of November 17, 2004.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. explore the feasibility of redeveloping the site located at 16101 NW 44 Court and the parcel of land located 16150 NW 42 Avenue to include an all-academy senior high school and state-of-the-art athletic facility;
2. explore the feasibility of entering into an institutional agreement with Florida Memorial College to collaborate on educational curriculum for the new senior high school and to operate the state-of-the-art athletic facility;
3. explore the feasibility of building a state-of-the-art athletic facility to be operated by Florida Memorial College and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and
4. submit feasibility study with proposed budget no later than the Board Meeting of November 17, 2004.