

Business Operations  
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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE  
FOR STATE SCHOOLS "Y1" AND "YY1"**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

Florida Statutes require that educational facilities be adequate in size to meet the educational needs of the students to be served. Pursuant to s.1013.36 Florida Statute, the Florida Department of Education recommends standard site sizes for educational plants. Exceptions to recommended site sizes are allowed, provided the Board, by a two-thirds majority, recommends the site and finds that it can provide an appropriate and equitable educational program on such site.

An exception to the standard site size for the following proposed schools is necessary:

**State School "Y1" - Jack D. Gordon Community Elementary/Dr. Gilbert L.  
Porter Elementary Relief**

The school will house grades K-5 and will be on a 7.5 acre Board-owned site located at SW 144 Street and SW 160 Avenue in Miami-Dade County.

This site is 4.50 acres under the size recommended by the Department of Education, in order to establish the school permanent student capacity to the recommended capacity of 1,068, as outlined in the educational plant survey.

**State School "YY1" - Redland Middle / Richmond Heights Middle /  
Hammocks Middle / Herbert A. Ammons Middle  
Relief**

The school will house grades 6-8 and will be on a 15.75 acre Board-owned site located at SW 144 Street and SW 157 Avenue in Miami-Dade County.

This site is 6.25 acres under the size recommended by the Department of Education, in order to establish the school permanent student capacity to the recommended capacity of 1,908, as outlined in the educational plant survey.

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

- 1) approve the exception to the standard site size as enumerated above for proposed State Schools "Y1" and "YY1," ; and
- 2) authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Commissioner of Education of the Florida Department of Education, the Board-approved site exception for proposed State Schools "Y1" and "YY1".

DA:lp