

**MEMORANDUM**

July 13, 2004

**TO:** The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

**FROM:** Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools *RFC*

**SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM E-12 – REVIEW OF PROTOTYPE MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES LIST**

Agenda Item E-12, scheduled for School Board action at the July 14, 2004 meeting, is being withdrawn in order to give District staff an opportunity to provide a full briefing on the subject matter to the Superintendent's office.

An item will be presented to the School Board at a future meeting and as soon as practicable. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Mr. J. E. Surash, Chief Business Officer, at 305 995-1401.

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Attachment

cc: Superintendent's Cabinet  
School Board Attorney

Business Operations  
J.E. Surash, P.E., Chief Business Officer

**SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PROTOTYPE MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES LIST**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**Introduction:**

This item is in response to Board action on May 19, 2004 regarding Item E-15 directing the Superintendent to review the complete facilities list and bring it back to the Board after it has been thoroughly studied; and not include a full auditorium in SS "NN-1" and all prototype middle schools. Additionally, include a Life Skills Director and an Activities Director on the review committee. A committee comprised of middle school principals from all ACCESS Centers, as well as representatives from ACCESS Operations, Curriculum, Vocational, Life Skills, and Facilities was reconvened to reassess the current prototype middle school facilities list and recommend a course of action. The Architectural Partnership (TAP) provided updated budgetary information and professional expertise to assist the committee in its deliberations.

**Committee Actions and Recommendations:**

The committee conducted a comprehensive review of the prototype middle school facilities list, last revised and approved by the Board in October of 2003. After significant discussion and deliberation, two options were proposed to reconcile the total project budget for the current facilities list for State School "NN-1", (and all other prototype middle schools), funded in the amount of \$22,940,000.

**Option A** maintains the prototype middle school facilities list as it currently exists without a full auditorium. The budgetary impact of this option is mitigated somewhat by the addition of 12 general education classrooms (22 student stations per classroom) which is required to meet the state mandated maximum allowable cost per student station of \$15,299. This option increases the number of student stations from 1,528 to 1,792 and results in a total funding shortfall of \$4,475,808 for a total project budget of \$27,415,808.

**Option B** reflects an amended prototype middle school facilities list that incorporates the identified "Revisions to the Prototype Middle School Facilities List" (Exhibit 1) without a full auditorium. The budgetary impact of this option is mitigated by the revision of the facilities list and the addition of 8 general education classrooms (22 student stations per classroom) which is required to meet the state

mandated maximum allowable cost per student station of \$15,299. This option increases the number of student stations from 1,528 to 1,662 and results in a total funding shortfall of **\$2,486,938** for a total project budget of **\$25,426,938**.

The committee demonstrated due diligence in its deliberations and expressed that due to budgetary constraints associated with the State mandated "cost per student station cap" and the recent dramatic cost increases associated with raw materials and fuel that Option B is the preferred option.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to implement Option B and revise the current prototype facilities list to include the "Revisions To Prototype Middle School Facilities List" referenced in Exhibit 1, increasing the student stations from 1,528 to 1,662 and funding the budget shortfall of \$2,486,938 for prototypical middle state school "NN-1".