

Frank J. Cobo, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND OTHER APPLICABLE ENTITIES TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CO-LOCATING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN PROPOSED HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO MASS TRANSIT FACILITIES

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

As the School Board is aware, I have been serving on the Working Group on Public Schools Overcrowding Relief (Working Group), as one of the School Board's appointees. One of the areas the Working Group has discussed is the possibility of collaborative efforts with other public agencies, most specifically joint use initiatives. At one of the recent Working Group meetings, Miami-Dade Transit staff spoke of possible opportunities for incorporation of educational facilities within high rise buildings currently envisioned along some of the county's mass transit corridors. Generally, the more urban, higher density nature of this proposed development would be more suitable for senior high school aged children, and/or for special programs which tend to work well hand in hand with mass transit transportation. However, at this point, given the intense level of development activity countywide, coupled with the District's diminishing resources and ever increasing needs for educational facilities, I would submit these opportunities ought to be fully explored, at all levels. To that end, I propose that the Superintendent be authorized to work in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Transit Authority and other applicable entities to explore opportunities for co-locating educational facilities within proposed high-rise buildings adjacent to mass transit facilities.

**ACTION PROPOSED
BY FRANK J. COBO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to work in conjunction with the Miami-Dade County Transit Authority and other applicable entities to explore opportunities for co-locating educational facilities within proposed high-rise buildings adjacent to mass transit facilities.