

Business, Operations, Finance and Construction
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT REVISIONS TO THE
PROTOTYPE MIDDLE LEARNING CENTER (MLC) AND K-8
CENTER FACILITIES LISTS**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

This item is in response to Board action on Item D-14 from May 19, 2004, authorizing the Superintendent to review the feasibility of a curriculum-based prototypical facility for implementation in K-8 conversions that encompasses only basic required spaces. A committee was assembled to review the Middle Learning Center Facilities Lists (small and large) and recommend a course of action. The committee was comprised of K-8 and middle school principals, as well as representatives from School Choice and Parental Options, ACCESS Operations, Curriculum, Vocational, Life Skills and Facilities.

The committee concluded that a curriculum-based facility is feasible and would be consistent with the K-8 concept. The recommendations listed below were determined after careful deliberation by the committee considering such factors as ensuring the provision of a comprehensive educational experience and maximizing seat availability, while minimizing construction costs or adversely impacting traditional middle schools. Although these revisions will not reduce the design/construction duration of a project, they will generate potential project savings as identified in Exhibit 1.

Summary of programmatic revisions to the MLC and K-8 facilities lists:

- 1) Replace Science Demonstration Classroom with Science General Classroom. This will maintain a consistent classroom module size of 750 square feet.
- 2) Reduce Exceptional Education Classroom from 950 square feet to 750 square feet classroom module.
- 3) Eliminate separate storage room at Foreign Language Lab and Computer Lab and replace with FF&E storage cabinets.
- 4) Replace one Vocational Business Education Classroom with one Computer Skills Lab to maintain a consistent classroom size module.
- 5) Replace one Vocational Business Education Classroom with one General Classroom to maintain a consistent classroom size module.
- 6) Add one additional General Classroom.
- 7) In large MLC only, replace second Foreign Language Lab with one General Classroom.

The proposed Facilities Lists will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover and will be placed on file in the Citizen Information Center, the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the School Board Members office, prior to the Board meeting of September 8, 2004.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to implement the revisions to the prototype "MLC" and "K-8" facilities lists that were identified as part of a feasibility study, and as summarized above.

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