

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

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE
 FOR EUGENIA B. THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LOCATED
 AT 5950 NW 114 AVENUE, DORAL
 PROJECT NO. A0851**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Section 1013.36, Florida Statutes, requires that sites be adequate in size to meet the educational needs of the students to be served at the site. The State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) recommends standard site sizes for educational plants. School boards may waive the minimum recommended site sizes by a two-thirds majority vote.

Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School is located at 5950 NW 114 Avenue, Doral, and houses grades K-8 on a 10.5-acre site (1,491 permanent and relocatable student stations, with a current utilization of 117%). A 532-student station addition is under design, which will bring the FISH capacity to 1,821. In accordance with SREF, the recommended site size in this case is 18 acres. The school is surrounded on all sides by private residences, with no undeveloped contiguous parcels of land. Therefore, any acquisition of the surrounding residential property for expansion would be cost prohibitive. As such, an exception to the standard site size is necessary.

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

1. approve the exception to the standard site size for Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary School as described above; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to submit to the State of Florida Department of Education the Board-approved site exception.

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