

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT FOR HIGHLAND OAKS PARK WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS DROP-OFF AT HIGHLAND OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 2375 NE 203 STREET

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

Since December 2001, Highland Oaks Middle School has utilized portions of the adjacent Highland Oaks Park (Park), for its recreational programs (as depicted on Exhibit "A"), under a Joint Use Agreement with Miami-Dade County (County). Such use is confined to school use of the Park, and does not provide for County use of District facilities.

The District is now in the process of making improvements to Highland Oaks Middle School, which will greatly relieve existing traffic congestion and circulation at the school, and address outstanding community parking concerns. In order to accomplish this work, modifications will be required to a portion of an existing County access road running through the Park, which serves Highland Oaks Middle School and Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary School (as depicted on Exhibit "B"). The County has indicated a willingness to allow modifications to the road by the District and continued use of the road for vehicular access, subject to the District providing the County with use of certain Board-owned facilities. This would be facilitated by amending the existing Joint Use Agreement for District use of Highland Oaks Park, and consists, substantially, of the following provisions:

- Highland Oaks Middle School Tennis Courts** – The tennis courts, as depicted on Exhibit "B", would be available for use by the County, as part of its supervised Park program, only during non-school hours on a space available basis. Use of the facilities would be coordinated between the school site administrator and Park Manager. The school would provide all routine maintenance. However, in the event the County's use of the improvements is extensive, or in the event of damage caused by County use, the County agrees to pay a proportionate share of maintenance or to reimburse the school for repairs, in an amount to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

- Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary School Cafetorium** – The school cafetorium would be made available for County use, as part of its supervised Park program, only during non-school hours on a space available

basis. Use of the facilities would be coordinated between the school site administrator and Park Manager, and may not conflict with previous commitments for use of the facilities by other entities. The County would reimburse the school for any expenses associated with Park use, beyond routine school operations costs. Further, Park use is contingent on the availability and willingness of school site staff to work during Parks period of use.

All other provisions of the Joint Use Agreement would remain unchanged, including the following:

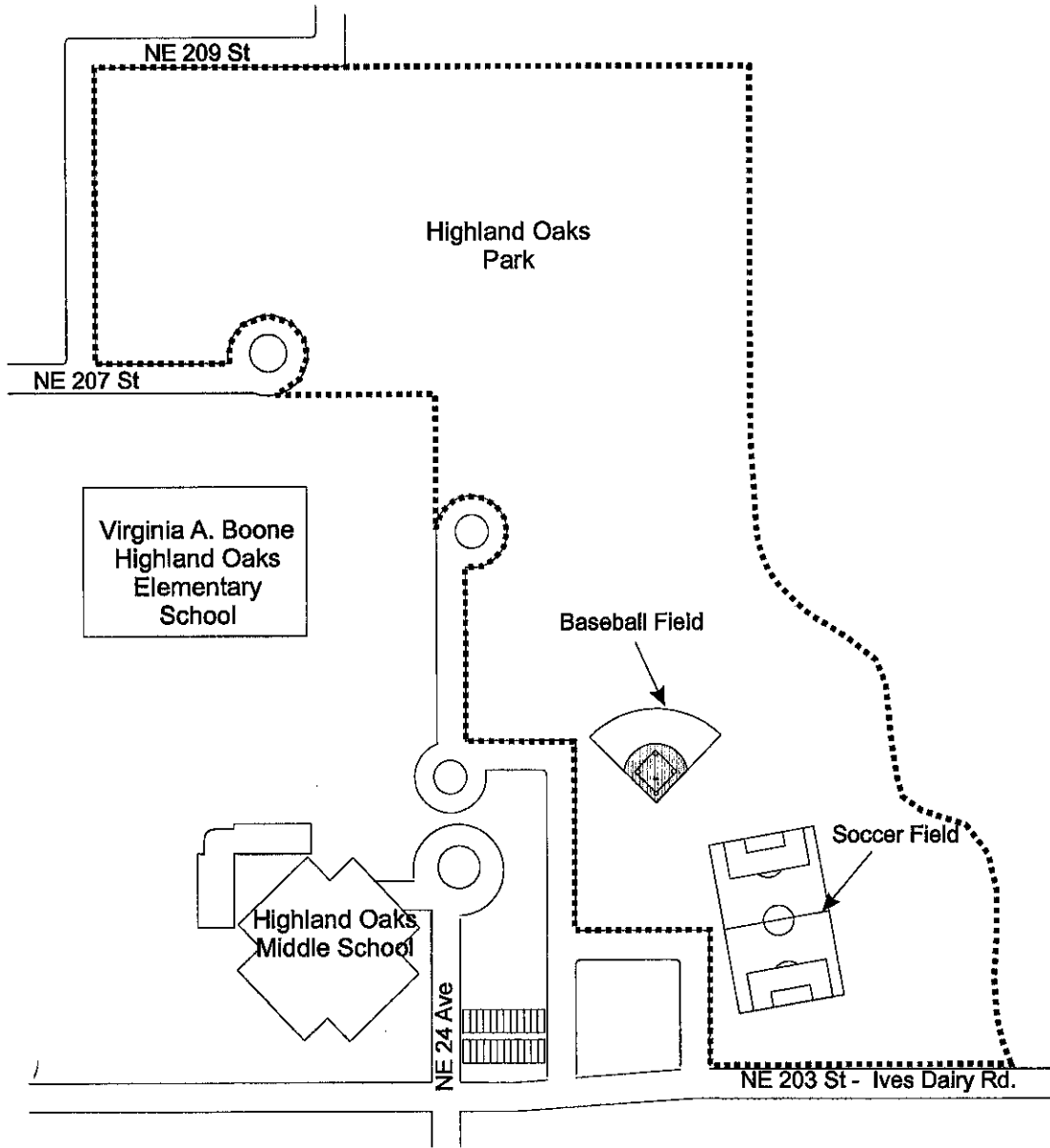
- the District may use the full Park site during regular school hours on regular school days, with the exception of the baseball and soccer fields, which may only be used on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays;
- the District may reserve portions of the Park, including the baseball and soccer fields, for after-school sports activities, by providing the County with a written schedule prior to such need;
- the County shall provide all routine maintenance to the Park, with the District providing janitorial service, including litter pick-up, during its period of use; and
- either party shall have the right to terminate the agreement at any time by providing the other party with 90 days prior written notice.

The principal of Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary School, the principal of Highland Oaks Middle School, and the Superintendent for Region 2 recommend amending the Joint Use Agreement for Highland Oaks Park with the County, to allow for the construction of a bus drop-off at Highland Oaks Middle School. The proposed agreement will be reviewed by the Office of Risk and Benefits Management and the School Board Attorney's Office prior to its execution.


RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to execute an amendment to the Joint Use Agreement for Highland Oaks Park with Miami-Dade County, to allow construction of a bus drop-off at Highland Oaks Middle School, substantially in conformance with the terms noted above.

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EXHIBIT "A"



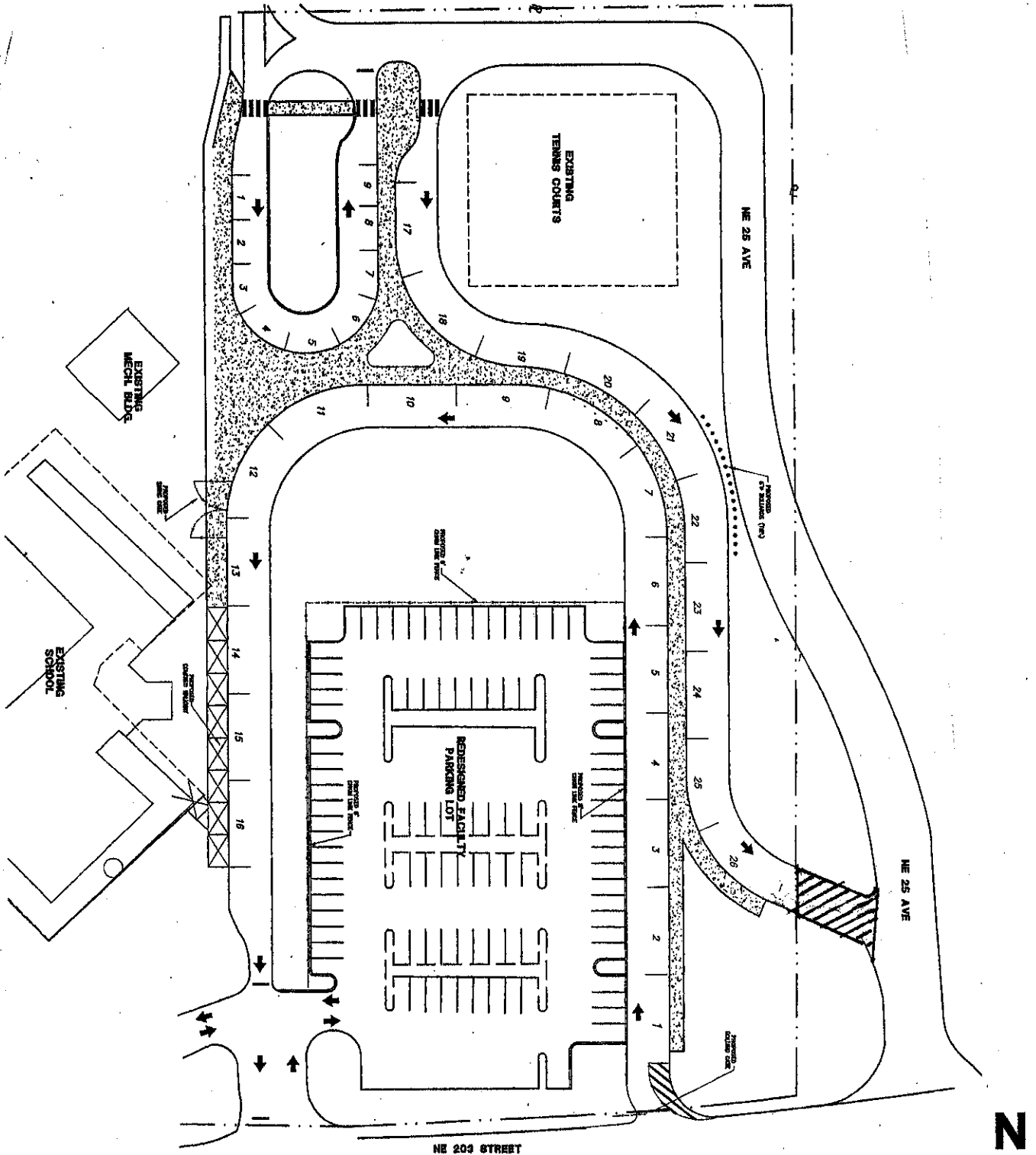
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
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EXHIBIT "B"



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 County owned land to be modified by the School Board for proposed drop-off area