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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION
 TO CONVERT RUTH K. BROAD BAY HARBOR ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOL TO A K-8 CENTER AND AUTHORIZATION TO REFER
 THE PROJECT TO THE SCHOOL SITE PLANNING AND
 CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Following the procedure established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.48, K-8 Centers, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Educational Excellence School Advisory Committee (EESAC) of Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School submitted an application to convert the school to a K-8 Center. On January 10, 2005, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) K-8 Center Administrative Committee met to review the application and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School currently serves 1,333 students in grades K through 6. It is expected that the construction of Sunny Isles K-8 Center will relieve the Broad Bay Harbor student population. Therefore, the projected population for the proposed K-8 Center is 550 students in grades K through 5, and 375 students in grades 6 through 8, a total of 925. The conversion is expected to begin as soon as the planned Sunny Isles K-8 Center is completed.

Copies of the application will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33132.

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

1. approve the application to convert Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School to a K-8 Center; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to refer the project to the School Site Planning and Construction Committee for inclusion in the next regular cycle of facilities planning.

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