

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE A SCHOOL BOARD CONCURRENCY TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2005 GROWTH MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Background

At its 2005 session, the state legislature enacted growth management legislation, which seeks to ensure that adequate infrastructure is available concurrent with growth; a major piece of the new legislation is school concurrency. Concurrency essentially requires that the necessary infrastructure to serve development be in place at the time the development impacts occur. Specifically as it relates to schools, concurrency is now mandated statewide and concurrency standards must be adopted by all local units of government in accordance with a phased schedule yet to be issued by the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA), but in any event no later than December 1, 2008.

To implement concurrency, local governments must adopt a public school facilities element in their respective comprehensive development plan. The local governments and the respective school board are to collaborate to establish adequate level-of-service standards and the mechanisms through which concurrency will be implemented at the local level in connection with new residential development applications, as defined in chapter 9J-5, Florida Administrative Code.

Failure to implement the provisions of the law relating to public school concurrency by a local government shall result in it being prohibited from adopting amendments to the comprehensive plan, which increase residential density. Failure to comply on the School Board's part may subject it to sanctions imposed by the Department of Education to withhold funds for school construction.

School Concurrency Task Force

As of the writing of this item, the guidelines to implement school concurrency had not yet been released by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA). However, in order to ensure that the concurrency deadline is met and to protect the School Board's interests, it was recommended at the Board Legislative Workshop held on July 29, 2005, that a Concurrency Task Force be created. Membership would include a member of the School Board, and appropriate District staff, as determined by the Superintendent.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the creation of a School Board Concurrency Task Force to provide recommendations for the implementation of 2005 growth management legislation, as it relates to school concurrency. Membership will be comprised of one School Board member and appropriate District staff, as determined by the Superintendent.