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Office of School Facilities  
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF AGREEMENTS WITH FLORIDA MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY (FMU) AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (COUNTY) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL ACADEMY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ADJACENT TO JAN MANN OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL AND THE FMU CAMPUS, AND FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE NORTH TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

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**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

Background Information

As previously authorized by the School Board, District staff has been in discussions with Florida Memorial University (FMU) relative to a possible collaborative venture, through which an all-academy senior high school facility could be built on or adjacent to FMU. The FMU campus, which is located at N.W. 158 Street and N.W. 42 Avenue on an approximate 50-acre parcel, is also adjacent to the Jan Mann Opportunity School (Jan Mann) and the North Transportation Center (North Transportation), both of which are owned and operated by the School Board (Board). The proposed collaborative effort would require the relocation of North Transportation.

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Educational Opportunities

The proposed collaboration between FMU and the Board would offer significant expanded educational opportunities for both Jan Mann and FMU students, and would build upon the current FMU/Board partnership, which allows aspiring teachers enrolled at FMU to work with Jan Mann students with a focus on academic achievement, attendance and the ability to set and reach personal goals. The proposed expanded partnership would be facilitated through the construction of a small 800-seat +/- senior high school, wherein three career path academies, Urban Education and Early Childhood Academy (Pre-K to 12), Aviation Career Academy and Academy of Health and Wellness Professions, would be housed. Preliminarily, it is envisioned that each of the three academies would enroll anywhere between 250 and 275 students. An overview of the proposed curriculum and programmatic link between the District and FMU will be provided to the Board under separate cover.

Facility and Real Property Related Needs

In order for the proposed partnership to be fully implemented, including the construction of the subject all academy senior high school, certain facility and real property related conditions would need to be adequately addressed and satisfied. Specifically, North Transportation would need to be relocated to make room for the new senior high school facility. The District is in discussions with both FMU and the County relative to possible collaborative efforts for the relocation of the facility.

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In addition to the above, discussions will also need to take place between the District and FMU as it relates to sharing of resources, funding or otherwise, for the construction and subsequent operation of the proposed new all academy senior high school. Presently, the School-Board approved Five-Year Capital Plan includes \$1.8 million in FY 05-06 for the planning and design of the new facility and the partial relocation of North Transportation. Should the Board ultimately approve this collaborative effort, additional funding for construction will need to be included in the Five-Year Capital Plan for FY 06-07, as part of next year's annual Plan update.

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**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to:

- 1) negotiate the terms and conditions of agreements with Florida Memorial University (FMU) and Miami-Dade County (County), for the development of an all academy senior high school adjacent to Jan Mann Opportunity School and the FMU campus, and for the relocation of the North Transportation Center;
- 2) negotiate with FMU the terms and conditions of a partnership that will facilitate the construction and subsequent operation of an approximate 800-seat all academy senior high school, as described above in more detail, including ancillary facilities such as a running track; and
- 3) prepare the necessary legal instruments to accomplish the goals specified above, for presentation to the School Board at a subsequent meeting.

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