

Office of School Facilities
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD TO RECEIVE THE
CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2005 ANNUAL
REPORT, MANDATED UNDER THE INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY
PLANNING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND AUTHORIZE
THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE
RECOMMENDATIONS, WHERE APPROPRIATE**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

Background

At its January 15, 2003 meeting, the School Board approved the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County (Interlocal Agreement) with all non-exempt local governments and Miami-Dade County. The Interlocal Agreement provides for an oversight process by citizen members to monitor its implementation and to report to the School Board and participating local governments on the effectiveness with which it is being implemented.

Additional Information

The Citizen Oversight Committee (Committee), comprised of nine representatives from the School Board, five from the County and three from the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, convened nine times over a fourteen-month period, during which the Committee heard reports on intergovernmental coordination issues from School District staff. In addition, Committee representatives have been actively involved in the on-going review of the Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance, as well as development of School Board criteria regarding zoning applications. The Committee has concluded its assessment of the implementation of the Interlocal Agreement, and has finalized its 2005 Annual report, containing recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Interlocal Agreement. The Committee's recommendations can be summarized as follows:

- Seek inclusion of all exempt municipalities in the Interlocal Agreement.
- Encourage the School District and participating local governments to review the current school impact review threshold stipulated under the Interlocal Agreement (115% FISH capacity, permanent and relocatables).
- Encourage greater collaboration and partnering opportunities between the District and local governments.
- Support the District in its periodic review of the Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance.

- Continue to monitor the implementation of the Five-Year Capital Plan and delivery of proposed new school construction, and make recommended adjustments as needed.
- Enhance community involvement, where possible.
- Establish a School Board Rule setting procedural guidelines for the Committee.
- Seek Committee representation (non-voting) on the School Board Concurrency Task Force; and
- Encourage the School District to continue improving its website to allow for easy public access to information on issues that impact the community. Also, it was suggested that the Annual Report be posted online.

A copy of the Committee's final report will be submitted to the Board under separate cover and placed on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

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

1. receive the Citizen's Oversight Committee 2005 Annual Report, mandated under the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County, containing recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Interlocal Agreement; and
2. implement the recommendations, where appropriate.

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