

Office of School Facilities
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE DONATION OF SIX BOARD-OWNED PORTABLE CLASSROOMS TO BARRY UNIVERSITY

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND REFORM

Background Information

Since August 1997, the District has leased six Board-owned portable classrooms (Portables) to the Miami Shores/Barry University "Connected Learning Community" (CLC), Inc. (Charter School), to operate its charter school program. The Portables are housed on the Barry University campus and have been used by the Charter School for the past several years while the Charter School's permanent facility is constructed. The Charter School's facility has now been completed and the Charter School canceled the lease agreement with the District and completely vacated the Portables. Pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement, the District is responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for removing the Portables from the Barry University campus and restoring the site at the end of the lease term.

Donation of Portables to Barry University

Barry University has now contacted the District to express its interest in continuing to use the Portables for office and classroom space and other educational purposes. Staff contacted the Department of Facilities Operations, Maintenance (Maintenance), which advised that, although the Portables are of the type that could be used at school facilities, the District has no need for these Portables. Staff also contacted the Office of Educational Facilities Administration, which advised that the Portables are targeted for removal from the F.I.S.H. inventory in the District's Plant Survey and Work Plan, and as such, donating the Portables to Barry University would be in compliance with the Plant Survey and Work Plan. In addition, Maintenance has estimated that the cost to relocate the Portables from the Barry University campus is approximately \$12,000 per unit (\$72,000 total), which does not include the approximate \$50,000 per unit connection cost that would be required if the District were to re-use the Portables. The cost to demolish the Portables and restore the site ranges between \$6,500-\$10,000 per unit (\$39,000-\$60,000 total).

Given the foregoing, it is recommended that the Board authorize the donation of the Portables, bearing portable numbers 46-0046, 46-0047, 46-0048, 46-0049, 46-0050 and 46-0051, to Barry University. The Portables will be donated to Barry University in "as-is" condition, and Barry University has agreed to accept the Portables in such condition. Upon acceptance of the Portables by Barry University, the District will have no further obligations or liabilities with respect to the Portables.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the donation of six Board-owned portable classrooms, located on the Barry University campus and bearing portable numbers 46-0046, 46-0047, 46-0048, 46-0049, 46-0050 and 46-0051, to Barry University. The six portable classrooms are being donated and accepted by Barry University in "as-is" condition.

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