

Office of School Facilities  
Rose Diamond, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT:            APPROVAL OF AN EXCEPTION TO THE STANDARD SITE SIZE  
                         FOR    STATE SCHOOL "BB1" (RUTH K. BROAD/BAY  
                         HARBOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HIGHLAND OAKS  
                         MIDDLE SCHOOL RELIEF)**

**COMMITTEE:        FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

State School "BB1" is located at N. Bay Rd. and 182nd Dr., Sunny Isles Beach, and will house grades K-8 on an approximate 2.1-acre site, adjacent to an approximate 2.5-acre City of Sunny Isles Beach (City) park. The purchase of the school site is being co-funded by the City. The school is projected to house approximately 1460 students. The State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), allows a board to waive minimum site sizes if a two-thirds majority finds that an appropriate and equitable program can be provided on a smaller site. In keeping with the need and the goal to accommodate schools on smaller sites in high growth urban areas, and given the unavailability of other larger remaining parcels of land, the parcel purchased for State School "BB1" provided a creative and practical approach to alleviating overcrowding at Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor Elementary and Highland Oaks Middle Schools.

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

1. approve the exception to the standard site size for State School "BB1" as described above; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to submit to the State of Florida Department of Education the Board-approved site exception.