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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FORM AN EDUCATION
 COMPACT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 AND THE CITY OF DORAL**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Following the blueprint established by the formation of the Education Compacts between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (District), and other local general purpose governments, the District and the City of Doral (City), will now partner to bring together each organization's collective resources for the greater benefit of both the students and the citizens of Doral.

The City of Doral is situated in northwest Miami-Dade County covering approximately 15 square miles, is home to approximately 30,000 residents, and regularly hosts in excess of 100,000 people who work within the City.

The City is home to four District facilities including Eugenia B. Thomas Elementary, John I. Smith Elementary, Doral Middle, and Ronald W. Reagan/Doral High School. The City of Doral has an active Department of Parks and Recreation which provides vital services to the community including a new "Get Fit Doral" wellness program.

Recognizing the commitment of the District and the City to raise academic standards and the importance to Doral residents of quality of life issues of which strong schools form the backbone, the District and City seek to codify an Education Compact to build on past strengths, current programs and innovative ideas to enhance the lifelong educational experience of both students and City residents. Therefore, this Compact will serve as framework to engage the entire Doral community in the responsibility for ensuring the success of our children through excellent educational opportunities.

The Education Compact will encompass programs and/or projects that can be enriched, expedited, or better realized through collaborative efforts. The following items represent a potential list of programs and/or projects that the Compact will focus on initially.

Improving Academic Programs

- The District will ensure that all schools within the City of Doral remain high achieving and are staffed with high quality instructors.

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- The District will vigorously explore the implementation of a feeder pattern for the Cambridge Academy program that includes elementary and middle school programs which would articulate to the Cambridge Academy program at Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior High School.
- The District will ensure that Doral high school graduates are prepared to enter college or a career.
- The City will support students by working with the District to develop internship and mentorship programs for Doral students in accordance with the Superintendent's Secondary Reform Initiative.

Community Involvement

- The City will develop an Education Roundtable to host regular meetings on educational issues with various community and business leaders and school/District staff.
- The District will focus on Doral parents with a city-based model of The Parent Academy utilizing shared resources, City facilities, and other community sites.
- The District and City will work to implement an Executive PASS Program at all Doral schools.
- The City will collaborate with the District to foster local business support for educational programs, including employee programs to encourage parent participation in schools, the development of a Mayor's Mentoring Program, and the creation of internship opportunities.

Coordination of Infrastructure and Administrative Planning Efforts

- The District will provide clear and timely information to the City regarding the new school construction and impacts to attendance boundaries.
- The City and the District will explore joint-use and planning of schools, parks, recreation centers and future land use.
- The City will work with the District to expand opportunities for grant-writing partnerships to provide innovative educational program opportunities for Doral youth and will explore the development of joint afterschool programs in City parks.
- The City and the District will collaborate to implement prevention/intervention strategies regarding nutrition, physical activity levels, and health data in accordance with the "Get Fit Doral" wellness program and the District's wellness initiatives to benefit students and residents of Doral.

- The City will support District marketing efforts by distributing information regarding District programs, supporting school events, providing an education link on the City's web site, and other activities as authorized by the City.
- The District will explore the feasibility of expanding bus transportation opportunities for students that reside within a 2-mile radius of schools within the City of Doral. The implementation of such a program will be contingent upon the availability of resources, may require cost reimbursement, and will be subject to an annual evaluation.
- The District and the City will identify opportunities for cooperation on administrative issues to gain economies of scale in areas such as staff training, emergency planning, transportation, and procurement.

In addition to the items identified above, the Education Compact envisions collaboration on legislative agendas in support of public education, regular briefings of the School Board and City Council, and the recruiting of high quality teachers.

The adoption of this Education Compact between the City of Doral and the District establishes a pact to continually strive to promote excellence and relevance in education in the City's schools and community at large by joining forces for the greater benefit of both the students and the citizens of Doral.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to form an Education Compact between The City of Doral and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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