

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO DONATE SURPLUS
SCHOOL BUSES TO THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: EVALUATE AND REDESIGN INTERNAL BUSINESS
OPERATIONS**

The City of Opa-locka ("City") has formally requested the donation of three surplus buses that are needed to transport large groups to different activities, functions and field trips that are culturally as well as educationally significant. The City's Parks and Recreation Department serves over 400 youth involved in various programs. The City is not able to purchase buses at this time.

Pursuant to Florida Statute §274.05, "A governmental unit shall have discretion to classify as surplus any of its property, which property is not otherwise lawfully disposed of, that is obsolete or the continued use of which is uneconomical or inefficient, or which serves no useful function." The statute further adds that "Within the reasonable exercise of its discretion and having consideration for the best interests of the county or district, the value and condition of property classified as surplus, and the probability of such property's being desired by the prospective bidder or donee to whom offered, the governmental unit may offer surplus property to other governmental units in the county or district for sale or donation or may offer the property to private nonprofit agencies as defined in Florida Statute §273.01(3)."

Board Rule 6Gx13- 3B-1.09 – Disposal of Tangible Personal Property, stipulates in part that "for purposes of this rule, tangible personal property means fixtures and other tangible personal property of a non consumable nature, the value of which is \$1,000 or more, and the normal expected life of which is one year or more. The Board has the authority to declare tangible personal property as surplus if it is obsolete, if continued use is uneconomical or inefficient, or if it serves no useful function." The rule further adds that "the disposal of property with a value of \$1,000 or more, or any property included in a bid, auction, or donation, shall be approved by and recorded in the minutes of the Board."

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, declare the three buses as surplus property, and authorize the Superintendent to donate the buses to the City of Opa-locka, upon execution of the Bus Donation Agreement by both parties.

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