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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SERVE AS THE DISTRICT'S A BUSINESS-COMMUNITY (ABC) SCHOOL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS**

In 2006, the Florida legislature created Section 1013.721, Florida Statutes, A Business-Community (ABC) School Program, to promote business partnerships in education, reduce school and classroom overcrowding throughout the state, offset the high cost of constructing educational facilities, and use due diligence and sound business practice in using available educational space. An ABC school is a public school that is subject to the same guidelines and regulations as all other public schools, offers instruction to students from grades kindergarten through three, and is analogous to M-DCPS' extant Satellite Learning Center concept, e.g., the collocation of schools.

One of the requirements of Section 1013.721, Florida Statutes, is that local school districts establish an A Business-Community (ABC) School Evaluation Committee. The committee shall be established by the School Board and be composed of at least three individuals, inclusive of participation from the business community. The committee must meet at least quarterly; however, may meet more often to address their responsibilities of advertising, reviewing proposals, and evaluating the program.

Currently, M-DCPS' *Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County* is charged with monitoring the implementation of this Agreement, to report on its effectiveness, and to make recommendations for improvements as they relate to the coordination of public school facility planning with new development in Miami-Dade County. Included, but not limited in the Interlocal Agreement is the requirement that the partnering entities work together on opportunities to collocate and share the use of school and civic facilities. The *Committee's* membership currently includes representation from each School Board

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Member as well as appointees from Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade League of Cities and exceeds the membership requirements of the A Business-Community (ABC) School Evaluation Committee.

Inasmuch as the goals and purposes of the *Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County* are consistent with the intent of the A Business-Community (ABC) School Evaluation Committee, it is recommended that this extant *Committee* fulfill this obligation under their established purview. The *Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County* met on April 11, 2007, and endorsed their desire to serve as the District's A Business-Community (ABC) School Evaluation Committee. In doing so, the statutory obligation will be fulfilled as well as providing a means for full School Board Member representation on this Committee.

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board Of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the *Citizens' Oversight Committee to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning In Miami-Dade County* to serve as the District's A Business-Community (ABC) School Evaluation Committee.

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