

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF SCHOOL CONCURRENCY –
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: ESTABLISH GREATER ALLIANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE
BODIES**

BACKGROUND

During its 2005 session, the State Legislature enacted growth management legislation, mandating the implementation of a County-wide uniform school concurrency system, with an implementation deadline for Miami-Dade County of January 1, 2008. To ensure participation from affected stakeholders, I proffered Agenda item B-4 at the August 17, 2005 meeting, and the Board unanimously authorized the creation of a School Board Concurrency Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force would provide recommendations to effectuate full and timely compliance. The Task Force's membership included: School Board (2); Miami-Dade County (1); Miami-Dade League of Cities (2); Builders Association of South Florida (2); Latin Builders Association (1), and a non-voting representative from the South Florida Regional Planning Council. The Task Force convened over a ten-month period and produced a comprehensive report outlining its initial recommendations. The report was received by the Board at its January 17, 2007 meeting, and the Superintendent was directed to finalize the required amendments to the existing Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning (Interlocal Agreement) to incorporate school concurrency provisions.

Since the January 2007 report issuance, the Task Force was reconvened to refine its recommendations based on additional input from District staff, participating local governments and comments received from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). At its November 20, 2007 meeting, the School Board approved these recommendations and authorized the execution of the amended and restated Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning between the School Board and all nonexempt local governments, to incorporate the State mandated school concurrency requirements, under certain delineated terms and conditions. On February 2008, Miami-Dade County approved an Amended Substitute Interlocal Agreement. Since that time, District technical and legal staff have met on working sessions with their counterparts from Miami-Dade County on several issues of concern.

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Because time is of the essence in attaining resolution, the Task Force should be reconvened at this time to refine and finalize its recommendations based on the results of the recent meetings between the School District and County staff. Thereafter, the finalized recommendations should be submitted to the School Board for approval at its May 21, 2008 meeting. Subsequently, a meeting of the Miami-Dade County School Board and the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners should be scheduled.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

VICE CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1) reconvene the School Board Concurrency Task Force to refine and finalize its recommendations based on additional input from District and County staff;
- 2) submit the finalized Task Force recommendations for approval at the May 21, 2008 School Board meeting; and
- 3) subsequently, convene a meeting between the Miami-Dade County School Board and the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners after all pending issues have been resolved.