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School Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO RELOCATE THE PROGRAM ENTITLED YOUNG MEN'S ACADEMY FOR ACADEMIC AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT (YMAACD) AT MACARTHUR SOUTH

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SCHEDULES MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AND ENHANCE TEACHING AND LEARNING

The new relief high school for Miami Palmetto, Miami Killian, and Miami Sunset senior high schools is State School YYY-1 that is scheduled to open in August 2009. It is being built on Board owned property at 11035 S. W. 84 Street, Miami, Florida. The program entitled Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at MacArthur South (YMAACD), currently located on a portion of that site, was scheduled to be relocated further to the south for the 2008-2009 school year. In regards to the relocation, a number of considerations, including construction of a new facility, were reviewed.

The most feasible and cost-effective option entails the relocation of YMAACD to the Board owned facility located at 13990 S. W. 264 Street, Miami, Florida (Naranja Elementary School). This site is viable for the following reasons:

1. The current boundaries of Naranja Elementary School are being consolidated into the boundaries of Coconut Palm K-8 Academy (State School CC-1).
2. This location will be more geographically accessible to parents and the students who attend YMAACD.
3. The site is well suited for the intended use due to the facility size, classroom capacity, ability to accommodate programmatic considerations fairly easily, ease of conversion to a small secondary school, and the ample athletic fields.

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RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to relocate the program entitled Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at MacArthur South to the Board owned facility located at 13990 S. W. 264 Street, Miami, Florida.

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