

Office of School Facilities
Jaime G. Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR THE CHAIR AND SUPERINTENDENT, AS MAY BE REQUIRED, TO EXECUTE:

1. **A DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF GATEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL K-8 LEARNING CENTER, LOCATED AT 955 SE 18 AVENUE, HOMESTEAD, WITHIN A WETLAND AREA; AND**
2. **ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE ABOVE**

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

The District recently completed the construction of Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center (School) at 955 SE 18 Avenue, Homestead, on a 14.49-acre portion of the 34.85-acre Board-owned site. In consideration for allowing the construction of the School within a wetland area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) requires the District to submit a Deed of Conservation Easement Agreement (Easement) to preserve a portion of the site as a natural wetland habitat. The Easement runs along the center portion of the site, and consists of 215,896 square feet, or 4.95 acres, more or less. The area is legally described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

The Easement will be reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office and the Office of Risk and Benefits Management prior to execution. The Office of School Facilities recommends approval of the Easement.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and for the Chair and Superintendent, as may be required, to execute:

- 1) a Deed of Conservation Easement Agreement with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in connection with the construction of Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center, within a wetland area, as described above; and
- 2) any other documents necessary to effectuate the above.

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