

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FURTHER EXPLORE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH TO FACILITATE CITY FINANCING AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARED FUNDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE BOARD FOR A FACILITY EXPANSION AT THE NORMAN S. EDELCUP SUNNY ISLES BEACH COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AND TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD AN ITEM WITH PROPOSED FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

District staff and representatives from the City of Sunny Isles Beach (City) have met to preliminarily discuss possible City financing of a facility expansion at the Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach Community School campus (School), as well as to explore mutually acceptable opportunities to cost share in that improvement. The School, which opened its doors in 2008, has seen an increase in enrollment over the last three years beyond its available capacity; primarily through an increase in the number of households with school-aged children within the City proper choosing to attend public school.

The general absence of immediately available land in the City for School expansion, coupled with the capital revenue/debt issuance constraints facing the District presently and in the foreseeable future, have created the impetus for more creative financing approaches. To that end, and based on favorable discussions with the City, District staff analyzed expansion options at the School and preliminarily identified and discussed with the City an opportunity to build a two-story addition over the existing School cafeteria. The addition would yield approximately 264 student stations and cost approximately \$4.6 million.

At a City Commission (Commission) workshop held August 9, 2011, the above referenced project was further discussed, as was the possibility of City financing for the project and flexibility of repayment by the District, including City forgiveness of a portion of the debt; with the understanding that additional internal review and approval by both the City and the District would be required. Additionally, because the project would likely be phased over a two-year period, the Commission discussed advancing approximately \$500,000 of the total \$4.6 million estimated project cost this fiscal year (FY 2011-12), in order to allow design to be completed. The remaining balance would be made available the following two years as needed for actual construction and furniture and fixtures. It should be noted that in

expectation of successful further negotiations with the City, a line item in the amount of \$500,000 has been included in the District's Five-Year Capital Plan for FY 2011-12, with the balance shown in FY 2012-13, as unfunded at this time, pending the additional discussions.

Should the Board approve this item, District and City staff will next focus on the delineation of mutually acceptable terms and conditions between the parties; the results of which will be brought back to the Board and the City Commission at the next practicable meeting.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to further explore an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunny Isles Beach to facilitate City financing, as well as opportunities for shared funding between the City and the Board, for a facility expansion at the Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach Community School, and to bring back to the Board an item with proposed final terms and conditions.

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