

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

- A. AUTHORIZE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HOMESTEAD EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES BENEFITS DISTRICT (HEFBD); AND
- B. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HEFBD, INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD OF ANY UNALLOCATED FUNDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT GATEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL K-8 CENTER

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COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

The Board, at its meeting of June 16, 2004, authorized the Superintendent to execute an Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") with Miami-Dade County ("County") and the City of Homestead ("City") for the purpose of creating the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District ("HEFBD"). Subsequently, at its meeting of September 5, 2007, the Board authorized further negotiations and execution of an agreement with the HEFBD accepting conveyance of a 35+/- acre site for construction of an approximate 1,600 seat K-8 facility, which facility was built by the District and is now operating as Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center (the "School"). The Board's action also provided that the HEFBD would remain in place for the express purpose of reimbursing the Board for incurred HEFBD related operational expenses, not to exceed \$1.2 million. The District has now received full payment from the HEFBD for all such expenses in the amount of \$1,032,116, in fulfillment of its financial obligations to the Board. Consequently, the HEFBD's dissolution is now appropriate and can be approved by the Board.

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Similar action by the City and the County, the other parties to the ILA, will be required and at its meeting of August 23, 2012, the HEFBD Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution requesting that said action be taken by these entities as soon as reasonably practicable. In addition, at its meeting of February 8, 2013, the HEFBD Board of Supervisors approved a motion providing that any funds remaining once all HEFBD related obligations have been met, be specifically earmarked for capital improvements at the School and transmitted to the District for that express purpose.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- A. authorize the dissolution of the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefits District (HEFBD); and
- B. authorize the Superintendent to finalize and execute any documents that may be required to effectuate the dissolution of the HEFBD, including acceptance by the Board of any unallocated funds for capital improvements at Gateway Environmental K-8 Center.

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