

Office of School Facilities  
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**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE, REGARDING POSSIBLE COLLABORATIONS WITH:**

- 1) FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (“FIU”) THROUGH WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECONDARY FACILITY AT THE FIU BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS WITH A FOCUS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES COULD BE FACILITATED ; AND**
- 2) LOCAL NEARBY MUNICIPALITIES, THROUGH WHICH FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT COULD BE ACHIEVED, WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT TO BRING A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

Staff from Florida International University (“FIU”) and the District have met informally to discuss the possible establishment of a secondary facility with a focus on the environmental sciences at the Biscayne Bay Campus of FIU (3000 NE 151 Street, North Miami). Since it is envisioned that this facility would help address current and future needs for additional school capacity in the general area, the District also proposes to pursue possible funding collaborations with nearby municipalities. If this recommendation is approved by the Board and ensuing discussions are successful, a follow-up item will be submitted to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to explore opportunities and report back to the Board at a later date, regarding possible collaborations with:

- 1) Florida International University (“FIU”) through which the establishment of a secondary facility at the FIU Biscayne Bay campus with a focus on the environmental sciences could be facilitated; and
- 2) local nearby municipalities, through which funding support for project could be achieved, with the Superintendent to bring a report back to the Board at a later date.