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**SUBJECT: NEW MUSEUM PARK SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

A museum environment establishes hands-on learning opportunities that provide meaningful educational experiences and exposure to experts in specific subject areas that give students unique perspectives. The Miami-Dade County Public School District should expand on current plans with the museums in Museum Park by exploring the development of schools within the museums.

One objective of The Jorge M. Pérez Art Museum Miami will be to promote progressive arts education and be a dynamic center of visual arts education. The new facility, which includes a state-of-the-art educational complex, will have programming aimed at increasing access to arts education by serving an entire grade level of Miami-Dade County schools and increasing common core literacy and skills for students through activity-based tours, classroom visits, and art-making. Other components planned include professional development for teachers and teacher resources in the form of videos, slideshows, and lesson plans, as well as online galleries and a discussion platform for the sharing of best practices.

The Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science is a 250,000 square foot complex demonstrating ecological and sustainability principles. The building will harness energy from water, sun, wind and even museum visitors to power exhibits and conserve resources. There will also be the Energy Playground, a 70-foot tall planetarium dome, and a Gulf Stream-inspired aquarium. The Museum has already launched its new Science Stars program, which involves leading scientists visiting Miami-Dade County schools to generate greater interest among students about the various fields of science.

A school at these museums could further strengthen students' interest in and exposure to the arts and sciences.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTIN KARP:** Request that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to explore developing a school at the new Museum Park.