

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR GOB PROGRAM

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The purpose of educational specifications is to define the programmatic, functional, spatial, and environmental requirements of the educational facility, whether new or remodeled, in written and graphic form for review, clarification, and agreement as to scope of work and design requirements by the architect, engineer, and other professionals working on the building design.

Prototypical educational specifications are aligned with educational needs and they begin with a thorough, in-depth explanation of curriculum goals and instructional activities that occur within the learning environment. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has developed educational specifications for elementary, middle and high schools and ensures they are kept up-to-date and aligned with best education practices through the involvement of various departments and personnel including curriculum specialists, the Office of Information Technology, and Instructional Technology staff. These teams review the educational specifications on a regular basis and for each project and make adjustments to reflect the latest trends in education and technology. The M-DCPS Office of facilities Construction has worked to consistently improve stakeholder involvement and the processes that shape a well-managed capital program.

The involvement of various departments and personnel in the review process for educational specifications is considered a best practice in school construction programs. This item seeks to direct the Superintendent to review the current process for creating educational specifications in light of the GOB program and technology summit and bring forth recommendations, as applicable, to ensure we retain best practices and visit opportunities for improvement.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:

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