

Office of School Facilities  
Jaime G. Torrens, Chief Facilities Officer

**SUBJECT:**

**AUTHORIZATION:**

- 1) **FOR THE DONATION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ("COUNTY"), AT NO COST, OF THREE BOARD-OWNED PORTABLE CLASSROOMS, CURRENTLY HOUSED AT THE ZOO MIAMI FACILITY ("ZOO"), LOCATED AT 12400 S.W. 152 STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA, 33177, BEARING FISH NUMBERS 32-021, 35-047 AND 35-048, FOR USE BY THE COUNTY FOR ZOO MIAMI PROGRAMS; AND**
- 2) **FOR THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY, AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE THE DONATION OF THE PORTABLE CLASSROOMS TO THE COUNTY, INCLUDING A BILL OF SALE**

**COMMITTEE:**

**FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:**

**EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

Background

Since 1988, the District has utilized three (3) Board-owned portable classrooms (collectively the "Existing Portables") at the Zoo Miami facility ("Zoo"), located at 12400 S.W. 152 Street, Miami, Florida, 33177, pursuant to a Joint Operating Agreement with Miami-Dade County ("County"), as part of the Science/Zoo Magnet Program at Richmond Heights Middle School ("Magnet Program"). The District has added a high school component to the Magnet Program, which requires the installation of new portable classrooms at the Zoo (collectively the "New Portables") to accommodate both the middle and high school magnet programs ("Middle/High School Magnet Programs"). The New Portables will be housed at an alternate location within the Zoo facility and installed in phases as additional grade levels are added. When fully developed, the Middle/High School Magnet Program will be housed in thirteen (13) portable classrooms. At such time as the District completes the initial installation of New Portables at the Zoo and vacates the Existing Portables, the District will be required to demolish the Existing Portables, at the District's sole cost and expense.

Additional Information

The County recently approached the District requesting donation of the Existing Portables, for use by Zoo programs. School Operations has advised that there is no anticipated future District need for the units, and the Office of Capital Improvement Projects has advised that the combined cost to disconnect and demolish the Existing Portables, and restore the site, is estimated at \$80,000.

Given that there is no anticipated future District need for the units, and the District will realize a substantial cost avoidance by not demolishing the units and restoring the site, the Deputy Superintendent/Chief Operating Officer, School Operations, recommends donating the Existing Portables to the County. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Board authorize the donation, at no cost, of the Existing Portables, bearing FISH Numbers 32-021, 35-047 and 35-048, to the County, under the following terms and conditions:

- The County shall accept the Existing Portables in their “as-is, where-is” condition and basis with all faults, and the Board makes no representations or warranties of any type or nature whatsoever, either expressed or implied, as to the usefulness, physical condition or appropriateness of the Existing Portables for any specific use or operations; and
- Upon donation to and acceptance by the County, the District will have no further obligations or liabilities with respect to the Existing Portables.

**RECOMMENDED:**

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

- 1) the donation to Miami-Dade County (“County”), at no cost, of three Board-owned portable classrooms, currently housed at the Zoo Miami facility (“Zoo”), located at 12400 S.W. 152 Street, Miami, Florida, 33177, bearing FISH numbers 32-021, 35-047 and 35-048, for use by the County for Zoo Miami programs, under, substantially, the terms and conditions noted above; and
- 2) the Chair and Secretary, as may be necessary, to execute any documents that may be required to effectuate the donation of the portable classrooms to the County, including a Bill of Sale.

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