

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEES ANALYSIS

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Educational Facilities Impact Fees were established pursuant to Ordinance 95-79 of Miami-Dade County, Florida in May of 1995. The ordinance was passed by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of levying impact fees on new residential units and on the expansion of any existing residential units. Fees are produced at the time permits are issued for residential construction and provide resources for the construction of educational facilities necessary to accommodate the inherent need for educational services that goes along with residential development.

Both the ordinance and an Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facilities Planning require the Educational Facilities Impact Fee ordinance be reviewed at least every three years and if appropriate, recommendations be made for revisions to the Board of County Commissioners.

At its May 18, 2005 meeting, the Board contracted with Innovation & Information Consultants, Inc. to evaluate and update the current Educational Facilities Impact Fee Ordinance. The final report was received by the Board at its March 15, 2006 meeting where the Board was presented a review of the current ordinance, recommending several changes which were discussed with the Board of County Commissioners. To date the ordinance governing Educational Facilities Impact Fees has not been revised.

Educational Facilities Impact Fees collected by Miami-Dade County Public Schools have decreased approximately \$9 million since 2016. With the evident increase in residential development in Miami-Dade County it is critically important that both the collection methods and the formula underlying Educational Impact Fees are reviewed to assure that fees are being efficiently collected to address increased services needed from Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to conduct an analysis with the purpose of:

- 1) ensuring Educational Impact Fees collected are appropriate as compared to the cost of mitigating capital educational facilities impacts; and
- 2) ensuring that procedures for administering the Educational Impact Fees process remains efficient.