

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: COMPARABLE FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

From time to time our District will lease an underutilized portion of a school facility to an outside entity or organization, while the remainder of the school site is still being occupied by students that are enrolled in an existing educational program. While our District does an appropriate and admirable job of ensuring that students are safely separated from the leased portion of the school site, it is also of equal importance that steps are taken or guidelines established to also ensure that the school site portion is comparable to the leased facilities in terms of upkeep, maintenance, and aesthetics.

This item is presented for the Board's consideration to request that the Superintendent review leasing and contracting practices presently employed by our District and establish guidelines, if necessary, to ensure that in those instances where the District leases a portion of an existing school site, the upkeep, maintenance, and aesthetics of the entire school site are comparable and equal to those of the premises being leased. Establishing guidelines in this area would guarantee that students in the affected school sites are provided with facilities that are of the same caliber and quality as those that are being leased by the outside entity.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent review current facilities leasing and contracting practices and establish guidelines, if necessary, to ensure that in those instances where the District leases a portion of an existing school site, the upkeep, maintenance, and aesthetics of the entire school are comparable and equal to those of the premises being leased.