

Facilities Planning and Construction  
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT/U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR STATE SCHOOL "C"**

In order to comply with the terms and conditions of the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management and the South Florida Water Management District/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Resources Permit applications that are required for the construction of State School "C", an 18-acre site located at NW 159 Street and NW 79 Avenue, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be required to deposit \$555,113.96, into the South Florida Water Management District Trust Fund. The State School "C" site is located within the C-8 Wetland Basin and requires that mitigation be provided in order to mitigate a total of 16.48 acres of on-site wetland impacts within the Pennsuco Wetlands (Pennsuco). Out of this total, 14.59 acres of wetland impacts are to be mitigated at a ratio of 6.0:1 and 1.89 acres of wetland impacts are to be mitigated at a ratio of 1.5:1. Based on these ratios, the School District will fund the purchase of 90.38 acres within Pennsuco, at a prescribed cost of \$6,142.00 per acre, for a total cost of \$555,113.96.

The proposed mitigation payment has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and the Office of Risk and Benefits Management. The Department of Facilities Planning & Construction recommends approval of this item. The Department of Safety, Environment and Hazards Management is in agreement with the proposed mitigation payment.

Funds for this payment are budgeted in the Capital Outlay Program.

A copy of this item will be placed on file with the Citizen's Information Office and Recording Secretary's Office.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize payment in the amount of \$555,113.96 to the South Florida Water Management District in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management and the South Florida Water Management District/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Resources Permit applications for State School "C". Funds for this payment are budgeted in the Capital Outlay Program.

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