

Business Operations  
Joe Arriola, Chief Business Officer

**SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEER IN THE AGREEMENT WITH ARCHITEKNICS ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RE-ROOFING PROJECTS AT EMERSON ELEMENTARY, BENT TREE ELEMENTARY, AND BANYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commissioned Architeknic Architects & Planners, to provide architectural /engineering services for the re-roofing projects at Emerson Elementary, Bent Tree Elementary and Banyan Elementary schools.

In the agreement with Architeknic Architects & Planners, the firm of G.V. Pirez Associates, Inc. was listed as the structural engineer. The agreement requires prior written approval by the Board for any termination or replacement of those originally designated engineering specialists.

Architeknic Architects & Planners, has informed staff that the firm of G.V. Pirez Associates, Inc. will not be able to serve the project architect's needs in this capacity due to a scheduling conflict. Architeknic Architects & Planners, recommends that this firm be replaced by Donald Hodgetts, P.E., to undertake the structural engineering services. Donald Hodgetts, P.E. has agreed to enter into this agreement if approved by the Board.

The firm of Donald Hodgetts, P.E. is located at 5901 SW 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 404, South Miami, Florida

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

- 1) approve the replacement of designated engineering specialist G.V. Pirez Associates, Inc. with Donald Hodgetts, P.E., to perform structural engineering services for the re-roofing projects at Emerson Elementary, Bent Tree Elementary and Banyan Elementary schools; and
- 2) authorize the Superintendent to provide written notification of this action to Architeknic Architects & Planners.

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