

May 9, 2002

Business Operations  
Joe Arriola, Chief Business Officer

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR MINOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE, CUSTODIAL SERVICES AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AT SELECTED SCHOOL SITES**

At its meeting April 29, 2002, the Miami-Dade Land Acquisition and Facilities Advisory Board (Advisory Board) approved in concept several conditions that they deemed necessary before the release of PECO funds currently held in reserve. The Chairman of the Advisory Board has advised the Superintendent that the Miami-Dade County School Board must agree in concept to the conditions before they will consider recommending to the Commissioner of Education release of the District's PECO funds.

Because of the difficulties in determining comparable costs of operations and maintenance of other school systems or other similar building types, it was determined that the best way to evaluate if the District is conducting the maintenance and operations program efficiently would be to contract with a private sector or community provider. The provider would manage, operate, and maintain the schools providing the same services.

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The Advisory Board recommended that a pilot program be established to manage, operate and maintain selected schools encompassing three feeder patterns (approximately 27 schools). Additionally, the selected vendor(s), or community, shall supply reports indicating costs and hours expended in performing the individual types of service activities, to assess the pilot program.

The Board agrees to provide monthly progress reports to the Advisory Board.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to prepare a Request for Proposals for a pilot program of minor building maintenance, custodial services and grounds maintenance to be implemented at selected schools encompassing three feeder patterns.

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