

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.

In order to determine the most efficient and cost effective method of delivery of maintenance services the Advisory Board recommended contracting with the private sector, or community, to provide these services. In order to determine if Miami-Dade County Public Schools could benefit from this business strategy, the Advisory Board recommended that a pilot program be established to provide minor building maintenance, custodial services and grounds maintenance at selected schools encompassing three feeder patterns (approximately 27 schools). In addition to providing the maintenance and custodial services, the selected vendor(s), or community, shall supply reports indicating hours expended in performing the individual types of service activities in order to assess the pilot program.

The Board agrees to provide quarterly 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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