Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of December 11, 2002

Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT

TO EXPLORE VACATING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF N.E. 1ST COURT

BETWEEN N.E. 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND N.E. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET

There is a general policy by governmental highway and public works authorities to acquire street right-of-ways for future needs. This usually takes place as properties are developed and is accomplished by the dedication of land on both sides of the potential future streets. When it is apparent that the right-of-way will not be needed, a property owner who owns the contiguous property on both sides of the street may request that the street be vacated and the property be returned to the owner for the owner's use.

Several years ago, District staff considered the platting of land purchased by the School Board directly to the north of WLRN, which Plat was to include a vacation of N.E. 1st Court, from N.E. 15th Street to N.E. 16th Street as well as existing alleys. A Tentative Plat application was approved by the City of Miami Plat and Street Committee in May 1999, subject to various conditions; however, this matter was not brought to the Board for authorization to proceed.

Given the continued need for additional parking in the area and the fact that vacating N.E. 1<sup>st</sup> Court would create an opportunity for construction of additional Board-owned parking, it is recommended that the Board authorize the Superintendent to explore vacating the right-of-way of this designated area.

ACTION PROPOSED BY PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to explore vacating the right-a-way of N.E. 1st Court between N.E. 15th Street and N.E. 16th Street to be brought back to the Board at the Board meeting of January 15, 2003 to determine whether to proceed.

REPLACEMENT