

Business Operations  
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSMIT THE DISTRICT'S PLAN FOR THE USE OF RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION**

The 2002 Legislature enacted a statute which requires that "district school boards submit a plan for the use of existing relocatables within the five year work program, to be reviewed and approved by the Commissioner of Education by January 1, 2003." Relocatables that fail to meet standards promulgated by the State Board of Education after completion of the approved plan may not be used as classrooms. At this time, the recent constitutional amendments pertaining to class size reduction and voluntary pre-kindergarten attendance do not affect the requirement to file the plan, nor to the statutory mandate requiring compliance with standards by the end of the plan period, however, the plan itself may be revised at a later date to accommodate these factors. Within the five year plan, those relocatables that cannot be economically brought into compliance will be targeted for removal from service and the plan will be updated annually in the five year work program. A rough estimate of the cost of retrofitting the relocatables to meet standards is approximately \$70 million, which is currently unfunded and will be considered for funding in the five year work program. The net effect of this current plan, as proposed, would reduce the number of portable classrooms used by the district from 2217 in 2002 to 1667 in 2006-07.

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The plan was compiled from data collected from the Office of Capital Improvement Projects, Advanced Planning, School Operations, and Maintenance Operations. Capital improvement projects such as new additions and relief schools have been considered in the development of the plan.

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A copy of the subject plan will be distributed to Board Members under separate cover and will be placed on file in The Office of the Board Recording Secretary and The Citizen Information Center

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to transmit the District's plan for use of relocatable classrooms to the Commissioner of Education, and to transmit future plans with the five year work program.

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