

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO CONVERT WINSTON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO A K-8 CENTER

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

At its December 13, 2000, School Board meeting, the Board received a report entitled *Evaluation of the K-8 Centers Program*. The report presents the K-8 center model as an educational concept that can provide benefits to students, parents, and the school system. The report recommends the expansion of the K-8 centers concept to other schools in the district.

Winston Park Elementary School is located on a 10-acre site in Access Center 6, and currently has, according to Miami-Dade County Public Schools Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) report that accounts for class-size reduction, 838 student stations in kindergarten through grade five. Working with the community, staff, and parents, it is recommended that the grade level configuration of Winston Park Elementary School be reorganized as a K-8 Center.

In order to establish this K-8 Center, it is necessary that the Board amend the District Facilities Program, Board Item G-2, to include the conversion of Winston Park Elementary School to a K-8 Center in the unfunded years.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. convert Winston Park Elementary School to a K-8 Center; and
2. amend the District Facilities Program to include the conversion of Winston Park Elementary School to a K-8 Center in the unfunded years.