

Business Operations  
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**SUBJECT: NEW PROTOTYPE FACILITIES LISTS**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**Background**

On March 12, 2003, the Board approved new prototype facilities lists, which included the use of the school-within-a-school concept and an increase in the size of schools. Subsequently, it has become necessary to adjust the facilities lists due to the Class Size Amendment. In addition, as a result of a proposal by Board Member Agustin Barrera, which was approved at the Board Meeting of April 9, 2003 (Item D-4), the Superintendent was directed to conduct a Cost Effectiveness Study (Study), and recommend revisions to the Board. Many of the recommended revisions represent significant savings to the District, while not adversely affecting the delivery of educational programs.

The primary purpose of the Study was to review all spaces within the prototype facilities lists in terms of quantity, size and complexity. This review would confirm that each space was essential and appropriately sized for its intended function. In addition, alternative methods of delivering educational programs in terms of facilities requirements were also explored. This process, conducted jointly by Facilities and Curriculum, yielded a list of recommendations.

Cost estimates were provided by an independent estimator for each of the recommendations identified in the Study. It should be emphasized that the savings for each school type may be partially offset by the inclusion of general classrooms in-lieu-of specialized spaces, additional costs associated with the Class Size Amendment, and other factors unrelated to this Study.

The potential savings are as follows:

Primary Learning Center	\$ 0
Elementary School (small)	\$ 10,072
Elementary School (large)	\$ 10,072
K-8 Center	\$ 835,735
Middle Learning Center (small)	\$ 559,146
Middle Learning Center (large)	\$ 507,321
Middle School (small)	\$ 1,151,739
Middle School (large)	\$ 1,621,146
Senior High (small)	\$ 4,074,471
Senior High (large)	\$ 4,536,968

### **Additional Information**

The proposed new Prototype Facilities Lists along with the Study were reviewed and approved by Education, Curriculum Support, Instructional Operations, Management Operations, Business Operations, and other pertinent departments.

The following is a summary of the proposed lists:

- I. Primary Learning Center (288 student stations)  
Elementary School (1,510 student stations)  
K-8 Center (2,120 student stations)
- II. Small Middle Learning Center (532 student stations)  
Large Middle Learning Center (708 student stations)  
Middle School (2,120 student stations)  
Middle Vocational Programs
- III. Senior High School (3,647 student stations)  
Senior High Vocational Programs
- IV. Full Service (as needed)
- V. Ancillary (i.e. central administration, maintenance, transportation, etc.)

The Facilities Lists and the Study will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover and will be placed on file in the Citizen Information Center, the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the School Board Members office, prior to the Board meeting of October 22, 2003.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve and adopt the proposed Prototype Facilities Lists to be utilized for future facilities.