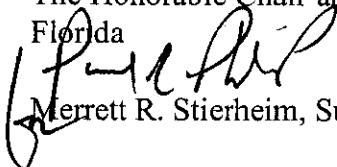


MEMORANDUM

December 9, 2003

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County,
Florida

FROM: 
Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM B-75 - REQUEST AUTHORIZATION
FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$28, 275
FROM AVOCADO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER
ASSOCIATION (PTA) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO COVERED
EXTENSIONS OVER EXISTING WALKWAYS AT AVOCADO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Item is being withdrawn due to logistic issues to be resolved and will be resubmitted for the School Board Meeting of January 14, 2004.

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cc: Superintendent's Executive Staff
School Board Attorney

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Avocado Elementary School administration has received a commitment from Avocado Elementary School PTA to construct two covered extensions over existing walkways at the school. The estimated cost of the construction is \$28,275.

The purpose of this donation is to construct a continuous overhead covering from the main building to the parent and bus pick-up/drop-off areas. This covering will protect the children from heat and inclement weather. The PTA proposes to contract directly with state certified contractors to construct the structures in accordance with the Florida Building Code and the district's construction criteria. If this donation is accepted, a letter of appreciation will be sent to the donor.

The President of Avocado Elementary School PTA is Ms. Lisa Neubauer.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Maintenance Department staff will be the district's liaison to ensure coordination of plan review, construction inspection, and code and quality compliance.

The Department of Safety has agreed to fund approximately \$6,000 to eliminate a structural curb barrier and repave according to code. The appropriation for this item is included in the Capital Budget under Fund 0379, Function 7400, Program 1500, Object 5680, Location 9114.

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

1. accept the donation of \$28,275 from Avocado Elementary School PTA for the construction of two covered extensions over walkways at the school; and
2. approve the allocation of \$6,000 from the Department of Safety and amend the five-year work program to include this project.

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**ITEM WITHDRAWN
(12/9/03)**

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