

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF THE 2008 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

LINK TO

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Background

The Citizens' Oversight Committee (Committee) was established in 2004, in accordance with the 2002 Growth Management Legislation, and under the auspices of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County (ILA). The Committee's primary role is to monitor the implementation of the ILA, including reporting on its effectiveness to participating local governments and making recommendations for improvements as may be appropriate.

Additional Information

The Committee is comprised of seventeen representatives: 1) nine appointed by the School Board; 2) five appointed by Miami-Dade County (County); and 3) three appointed by the Miami-Dade League of Cities. Since its establishment in 2004, the Committee has issued two reports to the School Board: the inaugural report covering the years 2003-2005; and a second report covering the two-year period from February 2006 to December 2007. The Committee is now pleased to issue its third report for calendar year 2008 (Report). During that time, the Committee met five times, focusing primarily on implementation of school concurrency by all non-exempt entities covered under the statutes, and other related topics such as the status of the proposed revisions to the educational facilities impact fee ordinance.

The Committee's main finding, as noted in the Report, is that the Interlocal Agreement is an effective tool for planning collaboration between the School Board and its local government partners, and that much progress has been made towards full implementation of school concurrency. Over the coming months, the Committee will continue to monitor progress in this area to ensure full compliance is achieved during 2009.

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The Report can be viewed at:

http://facilities.dadeschools.net/citizens/08_annual_rpt.pdf.

In addition, a copy of the Report is on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive the 2008 Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report, under the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning in Miami-Dade County.

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