

Office of School Facilities  
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**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE A COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI OVERTOWN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) TO REBUILD FREDERICK DOUGLASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A K-8 WITH A PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM), INCLUDING A FUNDING PARTNERSHIP UNDER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS A POTENTIAL COLLABORATION WITH MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE, INCLUDING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**COMMITTEE:** FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:** FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY

District staff has been in preliminary discussions with the City of Miami Overtown Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) over a potential collaboration to rebuild Frederick Douglass Elementary School as a new K-8 Center with an enhanced program focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). CRA officials have preliminarily indicated a willingness to advance funding for the project and to share in the cost of the new facility, under mutually acceptable terms and conditions; including a willingness by the CRA to consider deferral of payments for the Board's share to accommodate the District's capital funding constraints. Additionally, a potential collaboration with Miami-Dade College including grant opportunities would also be explored.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to explore a collaboration with the City of Miami Overtown Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to rebuild Frederick Douglass Elementary School as a K-8 with a programmatic focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), including a funding partnership under mutually acceptable terms and conditions, as well as a potential collaboration with Miami-Dade College, including grant opportunities.