

Office of School Facilities  
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**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE:**

- A. AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (“ILA”) WITH THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (“CRA”), THROUGH WHICH THE CRA WILL PROVIDE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$775,000 TO BE ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEST HOMESTEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITY, INCLUDING ITS CONVERSION TO A K-8 CENTER WITH A PROGRAMMATIC FOCUS ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (“STEM”); AND**
- B. ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ILA**

**COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION REFORM**

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

Background

The Board, at its meeting of April 18, 2012, authorized the Superintendent to further explore a collaboration with the City of Homestead CRA to make improvements to the West Homestead Elementary School facility, (“School”), including its conversion to a K-8 Center with a programmatic focus on STEM, and a funding partnership, under mutually acceptable terms and conditions. The general terms and conditions of a proposed ILA, by and between the Board and CRA, to establish a funding collaboration for the expansion and reconfiguration of the School, are as outlined below.

Proposed Interlocal Agreement

Terms and conditions of the proposed ILA are, substantially, as follows:

- The Project shall consist of the District expanding and reconfiguring the School to an approximate 860 student station K-8 Center with a programmatic focus on STEM (the “Project”);
- For school year 2013-2014, the School will house grade 6 as a means of accommodating the progression of students attending the School as fifth graders in school year 2012-2013. For school year 2014-2015, the School will accommodate the progression of students from grade 6 into grade 7. For school year 2015-2016, the School will accommodate the progression of

students from grade 7 into grade 8, thus achieving complete grade reconfiguration;

- During FY 2013-2014, the District will commission and complete design of improvements at the School to achieve the School's K-8 reconfiguration, with the ultimate goal of providing approximately 860 student stations for all grades combined. The Project shall be substantially completed for occupancy by school opening 2016. Interim facilities such as relocatable units may be placed at the School to facilitate the progression of grades and until the Project is completed;
- In consideration of the Project and its positive impact on the educational choices available to the Homestead community, the CRA shall contribute a total amount of \$775,000 to the School Board towards the Project, with 50% (\$387,500) to be disbursed no later than ten (10) calendar days following the Board's commissioning of a design professional for the Project, and the remaining 50% (\$387,500) to be disbursed no later than ten (10) calendar days following the Board's award of the construction contract. Such funds shall be specifically earmarked for design and construction of the Project;
- The term of the ILA shall be effective as of the date the agreement is fully executed by the Parties, and shall terminate upon Substantial Completion for occupancy. The Agreement may, by mutual agreement of the Parties, be extended; and
- For purposes of this ILA, the Superintendent shall be the party designated by the Board to grant or deny all approvals required by this Agreement, including extending the term by mutual agreement of the Parties, or to cancel this Agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and execute:

- A. an Interlocal Agreement ILA with the City of Homestead Community Redevelopment Agency, through which the CRA will provide a contribution to the School Board in the amount of \$775,000 to be allocated by the Board for proposed improvements to the West Homestead Elementary Facility, including its conversion to a K-8 Center with a programmatic focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; and
- B. any other documents that may be required to effectuate the implementation of the Interlocal Agreement.

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