

Office of School Facilities
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SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ALIGNED WITH THE HIGH-END AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND RESTORATION INDUSTRY THROUGH A POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP WITH 13 PISTA, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED AUTOMOTIVE/HOTEL/BICYCLE TRAINING FACILITY COMPLEX TO BE LOCATED ON COUNTY-OWNED LAND, AT N.W. 47 AVENUE AND COUNTY LINE ROAD

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION

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Introduction

13 Pista, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Pista), has teamed with a world - class car show exhibition company from Great Britain, to develop a major facility in Miami-Dade County focused on an auto testing track, classic car restoration, high end car sales and servicing, a bicycle training and sport riding facility, hotel and exhibition facilities, etc., on property owned by Miami-Dade County (County), and commonly referred to as the Landmark site. The property is located at N.W. 47 Avenue and County Line Road. Pista has been in negotiations with the County for a 30-year lease on the land with renewal options up to a total of 90 years. The lease is being vetted by the County Attorney's Office, and Pista anticipates an item going before the Board of County Commissioners in the Spring. Pista representatives have indicated that socially important programs currently in operation will be preserved. It is also anticipated that the County lease will require the creation of up to 250 full time jobs, with a 10-year job retention period and an aspirational goal of two-thirds of those jobs benefitting County Commission District 1.

Representatives of Pista have approached the District with a request to jointly develop a number of educational innovations and opportunities directly related to their operations. As a substantial part of this initiative, it is envisioned that the existing auto lab facilities at Miami Carol City Senior High School ("CCSH") would be used for the program, as well as new automotive lab and other related facilities to be constructed and operated

by Pista on their site, at no cost to the Board.

Additional Information

The partnership currently being envisioned with Pista and possibly the County (the developers), would include:

- Developer provided instructional and other resources to amplify the auto mechanic program both at the CCSH site and potentially customized instructional spaces at the development site. The developer indicated a willingness to underwrite simulators at either location, as well as 3-D printer(s) and lab space for creation/innovation (e.g. - driverless cars technology, green technology, automotive engineering, etc.);
- Creation of a job pipeline for students participating in the amplified program;
- Opportunities for job creation/partnerships in career pathway programs, such as hospitality (hotel management and support services);
- Opportunities for work-based learning opportunities to include guest speaker presentations, job shadowing, mentorships and internships both at the development site as well as abroad.

The local presence of a high-end repair, maintenance and restoration facility affiliated with a multinational leader in the field of exhibition and motorsports, offers a unique opportunity for District students to develop the technical and innovative skills necessary to secure well paying and in-demand employment after graduation. Pista's presence and deep connections to the automotive world, including opportunities for mentoring and internships, would add an extraordinary dimension to the learning experience and enable a variety of students and faculty to be exposed to the theoretical and practical aspects of the automotive industry in a living lab environment. It is envisioned that if the Board approves further pursuing this collaboration, and the negotiation of mutually acceptable lease terms and conditions yields positive results, a report will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to pursue the development of additional educational opportunities aligned with the high-end automotive repair, maintenance and restoration industry through a possible partnership with 13 Pista, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in connection with a proposed automotive/hotel/bicycle training facility complex to be located on County-owned land, at N.W. 47 Avenue and County Line Road.

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