

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: GOB PROGRESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

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Since approval by Miami-Dade County voters of the \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond (GOB), substantial progress has been made in construction and renovation projects at schools throughout the District. To date, over \$455 million has already been paid and another \$86 million is currently under contract.

Subsequent to approval of the Bond, the School Board adopted policies to promote small and minority business participation, inclusiveness and diversity in the GOB Program; in order to monitor compliance with these policies, the District established the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). Now, it is imperative that the community be informed regarding contracts and payments received by small and minority owned firms performing GOB work. Additionally, verification of local workforce participation is crucial to ensure that commitments made are being upheld by GOB contractors and subcontractors.

Consequently, in order to promote greater transparency and accountability, OEO should prepare a comprehensive report detailing small and minority business participation as well as local workforce compliance on GOB projects completed since January 2013. This report should be widely disseminated to community stakeholders and updated periodically.

Since more than \$650 million in GOB funding has yet to be contracted, it is imperative that the report be provided as soon as possible so that interested local firms can pursue business opportunities with the District.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

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

1. Provide a comprehensive report detailing small and minority business participation and local workforce hiring on General Obligation Bond projects completed between January 2013 and December 2016;
2. Present comprehensive report to School Board Members at the July 12, 2017 Board Meeting; and
3. Disseminate the report to community stakeholders.