Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of August 9, 2017

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT:

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND DISTRICT JOINT USE

AGREEMENT OF DEVON AIRE PARK

COMMITTEE:

INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL

RELATIONS

&

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

BLUEPRINT:

INFORMED, ENGAGED

AND

EMPOWERED

STAKEHOLDERS

The School District has a number of Joint Use Agreements (JUA) with municipalities and the County, the purpose of which is to facilitate mutual and beneficial use of publicly owned open space facilities. This vehicle, which has been in place for decades fosters interagency collaboration and promotes optimization of these public assets. Over the recent past, there have been a few instances where open space/recreational facilities owned by the County or a municipality, had to be partially or wholly closed for a certain time period to allow for environmental remediation by the respective governing entity. Recently a neighborhood park located in District 7 Devon Aire Park, a County-owned facility was deemed to have some levels of environmental contamination.

Since remediation and temporary closure activities may directly impact the District's continued ability to use the area(s) for student related activities, it is important that ample and timely notification be provided to the District to minimize disruption and allow for proper planning. For this reason, it is imperative that the County and all municipalities with whom the District currently has a JUA should be formally requested to provide notifications to the District who is an official party to the JUA in an expeditious manner. Additionally, the County and/or a municipality shall provide any and all pertinent documentation gathered from their findings to the District and ensure that stakeholders in the impacted areas can be properly informed.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. LUBBY NAVARRO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to notify Miami-Dade County and all municipalities with whom the District currently has a JUA, that they shall provide notification to the District in a expeditious manner of any environmental contamination findings and or other findings and also proposed closures of areas under a JUA, including any and all pertinent documentation supporting such closures.