

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOVERNMENT  
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED  
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Since its inception in September 1997, Herbert A. Ammons Middle School has received multiple recognitions and accolades. An A school for 18 years, the school is the first fully authorized schoolwide International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program IBMYP in Miami-Dade County from 2006 to 2007, reauthorized in 2010-2011 and 2015-2016. Additionally, the school is recognized as a Merit School of Excellence/Distinction by Magnet Schools of America for over 10 years, as a Nationally Certified Magnet School by Magnet Schools of America (MSA) in August, 2017 and as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education in 2018. Herbert A. Ammons Middle School is also the recipient of the Five Star School Award from 2000-2018 and the Golden School Award for over 10 years.

Herbert A. Ammons Middle School moved to its current site in September 1998 located at 17990 S.W. 142 Avenue as an all-portable school. The school sits on an approximate 6.5 acre site next to a county-owned park. While the portable units received some improvements through the General Obligation Bond under a \$1.3M project, the District recognized the need to replace these units with a permanent facility, and as part of the 2018-19 Five-Year Capital Plan, the Board approved a non-GOB allocation of approximately \$24.7M over three funding years for this purpose, with the largest tranche funded in FY 2021-2022. Given the multi-year funding and the small site, the school's replacement project may require temporary relocation of the students.

In order to properly inform parents, students and faculty, this item requests that an analysis of the various aspects of the replacement project, including phasing and related logistics, be conducted and provide an update to the Board by the April 17, 2019 School Board Meeting.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**LUBBY NAVARRO:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request the Superintendent to analyze the various aspects of the proposed replacement project at Herbert A. Ammons Middle School, including phasing and related logistics, be conducted and provide an update to the Board by the April 17, 2019 School Board Meeting.