

Financial Services
Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: REJECT UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL – THE MARIST BROTHERS OF THE SCHOOLS, INC. & MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BANYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

This item requests the School Board's approval of the rejection(s) identified below:

UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL – THE MARIST BROTHERS OF THE SCHOOLS, INC.& MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BANYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY

On March 4, 2026, the Marist Brothers of the Schools, Inc. ("Marist Brothers"), as the owner of Christopher Columbus High School, submitted an unsolicited proposal, which was subsequently revised and re-submitted on May 21, 2026, for approval as a qualifying project with The School Board of Miami-Dade County in accordance with F.S. 255.065 and School Board Policy 6327. Under the unsolicited proposal, the petitioner proposed purchasing the School Board-owned Banyan Elementary School property at fair market value or structuring a long-term lease of the site. The proposal contemplated demolition of the existing District school facilities and the subsequent design and construction of new educational and athletic facilities, including an aquatic center, at the petitioner's expense, for use by petitioner for educational and recreational purposes. The petitioner also committed to work with the School Board to allow the District access and use of the aquatic center facilities. Pursuant to School Board Policy 6327, the acceptance of an unsolicited proposal as a qualifying project requires issuing a public solicitation with the terms proffered by said proposal. The Selection Committee determined that the proposal submitted by the Marist Brothers was not feasible and required further review, given that Banyan Elementary School is an active District school. Following internal review by District staff, the proposal was determined to be infeasible and not in the best interest of the District given the continued operation of Banyan Elementary School.

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As a result, this unsolicited proposal is recommended for rejection as the proposed use of the site by the Marist Brothers is not feasible given the ongoing operation of the site as a District school.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, reject UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL – THE MARIST BROTHERS OF SCHOOLS, INC. & MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BANYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY.