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NO. LTC # 194-2009

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2009

SUBJECT: **Attached Response Letter from Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools, regarding Resolution No. 2009-27061.**

The attached letter was received in the City Clerk's Office from Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools acknowledging receipt of previously transmitted Resolution No. 2009-27061, urging the Miami-Dade Public School Board to adopt Green Procurement Specifications for cleaning supplies.

I am forwarding this to you for your information.

Attachment

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Alberto M. Carvalho

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July 8, 2009

Mr. Robert Parcher, City Clerk
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

RE: Miami Beach Resolution No. 2009-27061

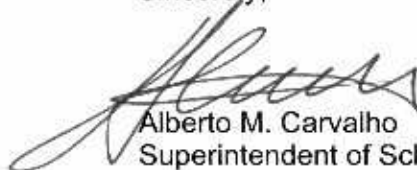
Dear Mr. Parcher:

This letter is in response to your correspondence regarding the Miami Beach Resolution No. 2009-27061. Miami-Dade County Public Schools appreciates the resolution passed by the City of Miami Beach to support the District's adoption of "Green Cleaning" initiatives. The District is working with the Florida School Plant Management Association (FSPMA) to increase utilization of green cleaning supplies in our schools. We will open our first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) School in August of 2009 with a green cleaning program. In-house laboratory tests of several manufacturers' green cleaning floor care finish products have been completed; a field test will be implemented during the 2009-10 school year. Preliminary evaluation of hand soap and paper products provided positive results; however, cost effectiveness remains an issue that requires close scrutiny, considering the District's current budget constraints. Preparations are underway by our Procurement and Plant Operations departments to submit bids for eco-friendly hydrogen peroxide cleaning products.

During the summer, staff will be providing awareness training to custodial personnel with emphasis placed on product effectiveness and environmental and health benefits of green cleaning. The District will continue to increase utilization of green cleaning products wherever economically feasible.

Thank you again for the actions taken by the City of Miami Beach to support Miami-Dade County Public Schools' green cleaning initiatives. You may contact Mr. James J. Dillard, District Inspections Officer, District Inspections, Operations and Emergency Management, at 305-995-1550 for additional information about the District's green cleaning initiatives.

Sincerely,



Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent of Schools

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cc: Dr. Martin Karp
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