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LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager. *Kathie G. Brooks*

DATE: October 12, 2012

SUBJECT City of North Bay Village International Baccalaureate Primary Year Program

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to update the Mayor and Commission on the status of the City of North Bay Village International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Year Program (PYP) at Treasure Island Elementary.

On September 27, 2012, the City of North Bay Village Commission voted to fund ongoing costs for the 2012-13 school year for Treasure Island Elementary to support the implementation of their International Baccalaureate Primary Year Program. With a 4-0 vote, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, Vice Mayor Eddie Lim, Commissioner Dr. Richard Chervony, and Commissioner Stuart Blumberg, approved the estimated \$130,000 funding required by Miami-Dade County Public Schools to sustain the IB PYP program for one additional school year.

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Organizational Development, attended both the August and September Commission meetings at the request of City Manager Dennis Kelley and Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, to provide information regarding the City of Miami Beach Education Compact and IB Programs. Dr. Rosenfeld met with the school Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) representatives and community members, to assist them in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the IB PYP and City of Miami Beach educational initiatives.

As of September 2012, the City of Miami Beach has funded all implementation costs to support Treasure Island Elementary International Baccalaureate Primary Year Program as follows:

- \$17,500 Application A and B
- \$44,368 Professional Development to train all staff at Treasure Island in Level 1 (Approximately 58 Teachers)

Support from the City of Miami Beach has allowed Treasure Island Elementary to attain International Baccalaureate Candidate status. The authorization visit, already funded by the City of Miami Beach, has been scheduled by the school district for November 2012.

As a result of the City's Education Compact established in January 2008, the recent 2012 Community Satisfaction Survey indicated that 91% of residents who have children in public schools are very satisfied or satisfied with Miami Beach public schools

compared to 54% of residents with children in public schools in 2007. The City of Miami Beach has made a significant impact throughout the entire county as the Compact between the City and the School Board is a model of how a city can strengthen the relationship between schools and community.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

KGB/LDR