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LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

Date: July 2, 2007

Subject: City of Miami Beach and Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Education Compact Status Update

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to update the Mayor and Commissioners on the status of the development of a City of Miami Beach Education Compact pursuant to direction received at the 2006 Commission Retreat.

Property taxes collected by the Miami-Dade County School (MDCPS) Board from City of Miami Beach residents has increased by \$90 million (77%) since FY 2004/05, of which, an additional almost \$27 million increase projected for FY 2007/08 alone.

To date, the following steps have been taken to assist the City in its pursuit of an Education Compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools:

- Quality Education Committee established a Compact sub-committee to identify educational needs;
- City staff met with Feeder Pattern principals to obtain additional information on issues and support;
- City Manager and staff met with MDCPS Region II director and School Board representative;
- Compact draft submitted to Quality Education Committee for review and comments; and,
- Draft submitted to MDCPS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Services (copy attached).

Next steps anticipated are to meet with the MDCPS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants, Marketing, and Community Service in mid-July, incorporate recommendations and changes suggested, review draft with the Quality Education Committee, review draft with the Neighborhoods Committee, and submit to the Commission.

I feel that we have made good progress to date and anticipate healthy discussion opportunities with MDCPS as we strive to meet the educational needs of our children.

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

JMG/KGB/LDR

Attachment

Through discussions of the City of Miami Beach, MDCPS staff, and CMB Quality of Education Committee representatives this past year, the draft table below presents preliminary discussion opportunities for further negotiation as we strive to meet the educational needs of our children and enhance opportunity for all. Please see attached Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee memorandum dated May 24, 2006 for additional listing of support to Miami Beach youth and feeder pattern schools.

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Arts & Culture activities	Provided through negotiated contracts (Ballet, Bass, ...)	Negotiate where possible culture/arts contracts to include access to programs by schools	Full-time Curriculum Coordinator started to the feeder pattern to arrange for arts/culture utilization and alignment to curriculum with City and school principals	% of City programs presented to schools % of children K-12 exposed to programs
IB Program	Consideration Phase – Feasibility Study Application A - (Subject to commitment to implementation of findings)	Procurement and Administration of Study		Completion of consideration phase by consultant 07-08 school year
	Candidate Phase – Application B	Candidate Phase - City to program space for teacher training	Trial implementation period – school puts in place all the processes and resources needed to deliver the program, including training of teachers. Including full implementation of program for one year.	% of teachers trained # of schools ready for full implementation 08-09 school year
	Final Phase – Extension Fee (if applicable)	City to host IBO visiting team	Full implementation with all additional funding for each school (ongoing) MESA funding allocation adjustment	# of schools delivering the program 09-10 school year # of schools authorized to offer the program and attain the IB World School status

<p>Expanded non-IB Program</p>			<p>Supplemental counselor for student monitoring/scheduling</p> <p>Material Equipment Supply Allocation supplement @ \$20 elem./\$25 sec/student and Equipment @ \$2000.and/or additional</p> <p>Supplemental teachers based on current class size reduction numbers</p> <p>Teacher staffing allocation based on student: teacher ratio for Choice School enrollment</p> <p>Lead teacher allocation at each site to support new programming opportunities</p> <p>Fringe Benefits (FICA/Retirement & Workman's Comp, Insurance & VISTA) to support add. staffing</p> <p>Operational support at each site for additional programming needs</p> <p>Printing & Duplicating funds to support additional programming needs</p> <p>Extra class supplements to support additional programming requirements</p> <p>Area of interaction supplements to support additional programming requirements</p> <p>Field Trip allocation @ 5.75 per student at each site</p> <p>Dues & Fees as requested by staff for professional enhancement linked to student performance</p> <p>Teacher substitute allocation to support teacher professional development</p> <p>Hourly employee allocation to support additional programming requirements</p>	<p># of counselors: students less than 1:500 current in elementary</p> <p>MESA allocation equal to current IB MESA allocation or similar</p> <p>Staffing levels equal to IB Magnet program numbers</p> <p>Supplement allocation equal to current IB Magnet program allocations</p> <p>Field Trip funding equal to IB Magnet program allocations</p>
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Teacher Recruitment		Incentives - CMB to pursue incentives for MDCPS Miami Beach Feeder Pattern staff including discounts, mentoring, training. CMB to provide tickets to Gleason events	Coverage for teachers to participate in available City training, mentoring, tickets, and other incentives (if applicable)	% of school staff participating in various incentives # of new employees recruited to Beach schools interested in city incentive programs # of school attendees/participants at Gleason events
Middle School After-school program	CMB Staff	After-school teen club for Middle School (administered by CMB Parks & Recreation Department)	Facility utilization Administrative Support School recruitment of students population participation Transportation from site to home	# of middle school age children participating % of middle school children participating in structured CMB Program and/or equivalent

Safety	Security Personnel	Training through PD to security staff and administrative staff Assist with Coordination between CMB & MDCPS security personnel School Crossing Guard Program Current complement of school resource liaisons @ elementary and middle school with City limits	Additional Security Personnel	% of security personnel participating in City sponsored training # of hours provided by MB PD to school sites during specified hours
Ad Hoc Advisory		Support the selection of school principals/administration	Include Chair QEC/designee to participate in administrative selection of Beach schools	# of principals selected with interview committee inclusive of QEC chair/designee
Access to Technology				
Health and Well Being				
Workforce Development and Housing				

* All City funds subject to Property Tax Reform

School Board Taxes Collected in CMB					
Calendar Year	2005	2006	2007	2008*	% Change since 2005
Taxable Value in CMB	\$14,040,817,181	\$17,445,766,574	\$22,739,947,828	\$26,150,000,000	86%
School Board Millage	8.687	8.438	8.105	8.105	-7%
School Board Taxes Collected	\$115,873,950	\$142,055,120	\$177,856,522	\$204,527,649	77%