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**CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH DONATES \$8.5 MILLION TO M-DCPS FOR
LAND ACQUISITION FOR NEW K-8 CENTER**

MIAMI – School-aged children from Sunny Isles will no longer have to cross to the mainland to go school, thanks to an agreement between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the City of Sunny Isles Beach.

The city's donation of \$8.5 million to M-DCPS will go towards the purchase of land to build a new K-8 Center within Sunny Isles that will offer relief to three overcrowded schools: Highland Oaks Middle, Virginia A. Boone/Highland Oaks Elementary, and Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor Elementary schools.

"This agreement supports our commitment to working closely with municipalities, in this case to offer our students convenient access to schools, and will go far in building a cooperative relationship between the school district and the City of Sunny Isles Beach," said Superintendent of Schools Rudolph F. "Rudy" Crew.

The city originally planned to donate the land, located at N.E 182 Drive and Atlantic Blvd., to the school system. But after unsuccessful attempts to purchase or use eminent domain to acquire the land, officials agreed instead to donate \$8.5 million towards the District's purchase of the land. The city has also agreed to let the school use an adjacent public park for recreational purposes and will close a portion of a street to improve access between the school and park.

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SCHOOL BOARD ENTERS INTO UNIQUE COLLABORATION WITH CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

MIAMI – The Miami-Dade County School Board agreed Wednesday to enter into a historic collaboration with the City of North Miami to build schools – an unprecedented pact in terms of its magnitude and comprehensiveness.

“This is a very, very exciting history-making decision,” North Miami Mayor Kevin Burns told Board Members. “We’re going to have four schools built in the same city at the same time.”

The joint plan developed among the School Board, the City of North Miami and the City of North Miami Community Redevelopment Agency calls for the following:

- Turnkey construction by the City of North Miami of a replacement high school for North Miami Senior High on City-owned under a long-term lease agreement with the City. The school would seat 3,660 with a projected opening in 2009. The replacement school will be south of its current location at 800 N.E. 137th Street.
- Turnkey construction by the City of North Miami of a second new 1,560-seat high school on City-owned land under a long-term lease agreement with the City with a projected opening in 2008. The City of North Miami also plans a state-of-the-art library facility, an Olympic-sized sports complex and a new community center adjacent to the school. The school will be near Biscayne Landing, a new development east of Biscayne Boulevard and south of N.E. 151st Street.
- A new 2,100-seat K-8 center to be built on Board-owned land with recreation facilities built on City of North Miami land. The school has a projected spring 2008 opening; the recreation facilities have a projecting opening date of 2010. The school will be near Biscayne Landing.

Renovations to be made on the current North Miami Middle School. The first round of renovations has a projected finish date of the 2006-2007 school year and the second round has projected finish date of the 2009-2010 school year.

The combined funding for all the projects is approximately \$177.7 million.

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M-DCPS, CITY OF MIAMI BEACH SCHOOL COMPACT ENHANCES EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Includes International Baccalaureate Program for Miami Beach Schools -

MIAMI – Quality schools are essential to the fabric of the community, and on January 15, 2008, both the City of Miami Beach Commission and the Miami-Dade County School Board approved and entered into an education compact that supports enhancing education for the Miami Beach community.

"This compact signals that Miami Beach's leaders are committed to being actively involved in providing their community's children with the best education possible, said Superintendent of Schools Rudy Crew. "This is a unique and exciting compact, and we are very proud of our joint efforts."

"The education compact was developed with significant community input over the past two years and reflects the desire of the Miami Beach community to support and invest in excellence in our schools," said Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez.

The compact focuses on student achievement, teacher recruitment and retention, enhanced communication of educational and community events, family involvement and support, engaged youth and community, increased health and well-being of students, improved safety and perceptions of safety in schools, and improved access to technology. Enhanced student achievement will include: A designated coordinator of the arts who will align cultural offerings to the curriculum in all Miami Beach schools;

- An International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Miami Beach schools, as well as high school academies;
- Full-time equivalent (FTE) funding allocation measure and enhanced counseling and teacher-to-student ratios;
- An internship initiative for Miami Beach Senior High students;
- Enhanced counseling and teacher-to-student ratios;
- Implementation of best practice strategies to increase the high school graduation rate;
- The creation of a speakers' bureau for schools to provide teachers with access to speakers on specialized topics; and,
- Enhanced collaboration on grant development opportunities.

Implementation of the IB program will begin at Miami Beach Senior High, Nautilus Middle, and Fienberg-Fisher K-8's sixth through eighth grades immediately, with implementation at the elementary schools within two years. The City's cost commitment for the implementation of the IB program is \$223,000. Funding for the primary years program will be explored in the future.

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