

A RESOLUTION BY THE CORAL GABLES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE URGING THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES TO PURCHASE A DEDICATED CLASSROOM (ONE CLASS PER GRADE LEVEL FROM KINDERGARDEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE) FOR \$4.2 MILLION DOLLARS AT HENRY S. WEST LABORATORY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, The School and Community Relations Committee was formed in part to enhance public school offerings for Coral Gables residents; and

WHEREAS, The City Commission has received encouragement from Coral Gables residents for the purchase of a dedicated classroom at Henry S. West Laboratory during the Education Town Hall Meeting, Special Meetings, and City Commission Meetings; and

WHEREAS, The City of Coral Gables has expressed interest in expanding access for Coral Gables residents to Henry S. West Laboratory School for several years; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) has entered into a similar arrangement with other Cities, most notably Key Biscayne; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) is now expanding Henry S. West Laboratory School to accommodate the new 7th and 8th grade classrooms, and the new building has been designed to accommodate additional space should the City wish to purchase a dedicated classroom; and

WHEREAS, Previous designs included a 350 car commercial garage, a partial land swap with the University of Miami, and the vacation of a portion of Carillo Street, thereby prompting a balancing of interests, in the form of the City requesting a reduced payment for the dedicated classroom; and

WHEREAS, The school design has now significantly changed, no longer requiring a commercial garage; a partial land swap; or the vacation of a portion of Carillo St, therefore no longer requiring a balancing of interests; and

WHEREAS, MDCPS is prepared to move forward with the expansion plans, therefore prompting swift and immediate action by the City to ensure the highest level of efficiency, coordination and safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the School Community Relations Committee recommends that the City Commission purchase a dedicated classroom (one classroom per grade level from Kindergarten through eighth grade) at Henry S. West Laboratory School.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2017.