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Increase and Enhance Academic Programs with the City	Status	Comments
Pledge that by school opening, 2008, all schools in Coral Gables would be a B or higher.	G. W. Carver Middle School has recently received the very rigorous Blue Ribbon Schools designation from the United States Department of Education.	School invited city officials to attend the awards ceremony.
	Coral Gables Senior High School was among thirteen Miami-Dade County Public Schools earning their way onto Newsweek Magazine's List of America's Top High Schools. Public schools were ranked according to a ratio devised by Jay Mathews of Newsweek Magazine: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2006 divided by the number of graduating seniors. All of the schools on the list have an index of at least 1.000; they are in the top five percent of public schools measured this way.	News Release available as needed. Sent to the City for release.



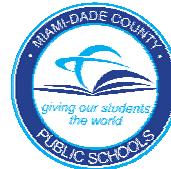
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Jointly support the creation of an internship initiative with Coral Gables businesses and Coral Gables Senior High.	On-going. Eight internships through the Honors and Executive Internship Program were provided through City support in 2006-2007.	This is on-going and will expand through the Gables Chamber. Goal of Chamber.
Support the development of an International Studies High School to be sited in the Coral Gables High School Relief Area	On-going. At the September 5, 2007, meeting of the School Board, eminent domain proceedings were approved to acquire a building at 1570 Madruga Avenue to place an International Studies High School in Coral Gables . The Order of Hearing is taking place January 25, 2007, at which time it is anticipated that title would transfer. The District's five-year capital plan also includes funding this year for design of the building's retrofit and construction funding for 2008/09. At this point, the school is projected to open for 2009, pending all approvals. The International Studies Program (IS) provides students with an International Curriculum which emphasizes study in a second language (French, Italian or Spanish). Expectations are high: students will utilize their language mastery as they study literature, mathematics, history, and geography in their second language, working at a level commensurate with that of schools in	



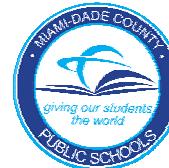
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	<p>Europe. IS students are often taught by instructors from France, Italy and Spain, according to a unique and cooperative agreement with M-DCPS. IS students will be eligible based on three different criteria, much like Carver Middle. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Students who successfully complete the IS program at grade 8 will have automatic articulation;✓ Students who are nationals from France, Italy, and Spain (Brazil is pending); and✓ Students who apply through the magnet school process and meet the linguistic and academic criteria to successfully participate in the program. <p>School Board Resolution 07-25 approved at the September 5, 2007, Meeting of the School Board. The City's Parking Department worked with school system facilities' officials to initiate resolution to the parking issues of the IS school.</p>	
Expose residents and families to	Completed. The City sponsored "Art of Our Youth; Art of	Completed in



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the creative arts and talents of students in Coral Gables schools through a citywide art exhibit of student work.	Our Future " on November 30, 2007. Over 100 families and children attended and were recognized by the Mayor and Commission and Dr. Crew was represented by Dr. Kamela Patton. The City produced a segment for airing on Gables TV about the art exhibit.	cooperation with the Division of Life Skills with the District and the City Development office and Board.
Support efforts to enhance the technology and infrastructure available at Coral Gables Senior High School.	In process. Hard wiring in the school is in process. Supporters will look for ways to support this effort as deemed critical to the school.	In process.
Support tutoring services for students at need at Ponce de Leon Middle School.	New request from community in December 2007. Meeting is being set up with the principal and PTA at Ponce.	No action. New item.



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Share Facilities, Communications Efforts & Programs for the Enhancement of Education and the City	Status	Comments
Work to support an information kiosk in the City's Youth Center to inform parents and residents about Coral Gables' public schools.	The school district's first information Kiosk in the county will be placed at the Coral Gables Youth Center by the school district to enable parents and students an opportunity to obtain information from the school system and the City through a self-standing Kiosk. Provided in-kind through contract with M-DCPS and Multivision Video & Film.	To be approved at the January 22, 2008, Commission meeting.
Support Gables Senior, Ponce de Leon Middle, and Carver Middle through sharing of resources.	On-going. City staff liaison and school District liaison met with each secondary school principal in the fall, 2006 to assess needs, introduce the compact, provide support to the schools.	On-going.
Jointly work on communications through both websites and both	Completed. Direct links have been set up between the City website and the Coral Gables schools and the school	Completed.



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organizations' communications	district for information needs.	
	Through a grant from Comcast with the City of Coral Gables, fiber optic lines are being placed free of charge at Coral Gables High school and other sites.	In process.
Support efforts to create a marketing brochure to highlight the educational opportunities in Coral Gables' public schools.	Completed. A brochure was created by the school District, edited in cooperation with City staff, printed by the City and distributed to area schools, businesses and other offices.	Completed.
Provide a Parents' Day at the Coral Gables Library for residents and citizens to acquaint them with the school system, help them learn to how to help their children, and to provide hands-on with the new parent portal.	In process. Through joint cooperation with The Office of Parental Involvement, The Parent Academy, and the City and Library, a Parents' Day will be held in the spring to provide resources to parents, to offer family learning experiences in the library, and to help parents learn to use the new parental portal with the District to monitor their child's learning.	In process.
Enhance the publicity for Coral Gables High School and Ponce	Work with both schools on a regular, monthly sharing of publicity to be disseminated through the City newsletters	More progress needed.



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de Leon through collaboration.	and e-briefs.	
Offer information on Coral Gables schools during selected Farmers Market days.	Scheduled for Winter, 2008.	New offer, December 2007.



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Support Expanded Community Involvement Efforts Within the City	Status	Comments
Support national, state, and local legislative agendas of mutual interest.	The City of Coral Gables has supported the school system's legislative agenda in 2007 through City resolutions and advocacy in Tallahassee.	Completed for 2006-2007.
Support the creation of a Speakers Bureau for Coral Gables schools, in conjunction with the Chamber.	Following a school survey of needs by the District, a Speakers Bureau is being set up, with the cooperation of the Coral Gables Chamber and the School and Community Relations Committee.	On-going. Chamber Goal.
Support local intergovernmental issues of mutual interest.	The City sponsored the 2007 meeting of governments involved in Inter-local Agreements at the request of the District. The event was held at the historic Biltmore Hotel.	Completed.
Work with the Coral Gables Chamber to support a Boss for a Day Program.	Initial meeting with Chamber CEO has taken place. Further meetings to plan the program will take place with the Chamber and the School and Community Relations	New request. Scheduled for Spring 2008. Chamber Goal



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Committee.		
Reinstate the annual Realtors' Breakfast to highlight Coral Gables' public schools.	Discussions have taken place with the Chamber.	Put on hold due to housing issues locally. Chamber Goal
Present information on the January 29, 2008, tax vote.	M-DCPS requested the City share M-DCPS information or their link with residents regarding information on the tax vote.	Dissemination through the E news.
Work on an adopt-a-school effort with Gables businesses and in cooperation with the Chamber.	Meetings have been held with Adopt-a-Classroom and the Chamber. No mechanism set up at this point. Renewed effort needed in this area.	Renew efforts.

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