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**AS PROPOSED BY SCHOOL BOARD VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES NEGOTIATIONS ON CONCURRENCY AGREEMENT**

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NEWS RELEASE FROM PERLA TABARES HANTMAN

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The Miami-Dade County School Board approved a proposal by School Board Vice Chair Perla Tabares Hantman authorizing the Superintendent and the School Board Attorney to negotiate a new Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency by and between the School Board and the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, based upon additional input and discussions on any remaining pending issues. The negotiated and recommended Interlocal Agreement will be presented for School Board approval at its next meeting of May 21, 2008.

At the August 17, 2005 meeting the Board unanimously authorized the creation of a School Board Concurrency Task Force to provide recommendations regarding the State-mandated implementation of a County-wide uniform school concurrency system. The report of the Task Force was received by the Board at its January 17, 2007 meeting, and the Superintendent was directed to finalize the required amendments to the existing Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning to incorporate school concurrency provisions. Since the issuance of the report in January 2007, the Task Force was reconvened to refine its recommendations which the School Board approved at its November 20, 2007 meeting and authorized the execution of the amended and restated Interlocal Agreement. On February 2008 Miami-Dade County approved an Amended Substitute Interlocal Agreement. Since that time, staff from the School District and the County have met on working sessions on items of concern.

“Approval of this proposal is a step in the right direction in attaining resolution to the concurrency agreement between the County and the School Board,” said Ms. Hantman.

Upon approval by the School Board of the finalized Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency, a meeting will be convened between the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County and the School Board as a good faith effort to establish greater alliance and strengthen legislative ties.

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