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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(6)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

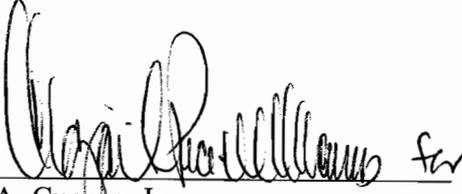
DATE: January 21, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Miami-Dade
County Public School Board to
convert facility located at 160 NW
13th Street, Homestead, Florida
into residential educational
facility in anticipation of
migration of Haitian children into
Miami-Dade County and to make
facility available to County, if
necessary, for related social
services for such children

Resolution No. R-81-10

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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1-21-10

RESOLUTION NO. R-81-10

RESOLUTION URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD TO CONVERT FACILITY LOCATED AT 160 NW 13TH STREET, HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA INTO RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL FACILITY IN ANTICIPATION OF MIGRATION OF HAITIAN CHILDREN INTO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO MAKE FACILITY AVAILABLE TO COUNTY, IF NECESSARY, FOR RELATED SOCIAL SERVICES FOR SUCH CHILDREN; AND DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE BOARD AN ANALYSIS RELATING TO THE COUNTY PARTNERING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010 a devastating earthquake hit Haiti, approximately 10 miles southwest of the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and

WHEREAS, more than three million people -- a third of Haiti's population -- have been affected by the earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake is the latest in a series of events that have hit Haiti in recent years, including four deadly storms that struck Haiti in 2008; and

WHEREAS, even before the earthquake, Haiti was one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S., no county has a larger Haitian-American community than Miami-Dade County, with Kings County (Brooklyn), New York, having the second largest Haitian-American community and Broward County, Florida having the third largest; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were 95,669 Haitian-Americans living in Miami-Dade County at the last U.S. census in 2000; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of children have been left orphaned as a result of the earthquake which is likely to result in a large and rapid influx of Haitian orphans and other children needing assistance into our community; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the temporary migration of Haitian children to the United States during this disaster as a means of providing stability, support and comfort while Haiti recovers from this disaster; and

WHEREAS, in addition to health care and social services, these Haitian children who come to our community are likely to need educational services and housing; and

WHEREAS, it would best serve the needs of the residents of the County and the Haitian children who are anticipated to migrate to the County to have a central location where the children can receive the services that they need, including educational and housing services; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Public School Board (“School Board”) currently owns a facility located at 160 NW 13th Street, Homestead, Florida 33030 commonly referred to as the old Homestead Hospital (the “Old Homestead Hospital”) which is vacant and due to its size and proximity to the Homestead air base can be converted into a temporary residential educational facility for Haitian children coming into our community;

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to urge the School Board to utilize, if feasible, the Old Homestead Hospital for the Haitian children and to make the facility available to the County, if necessary, for related social services to such children; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to direct the County Mayor or the Mayor’s designee to conduct an analysis which explores the potential for the County to play a role or partner with the School Board to facilitate the use of the Old Homestead Hospital as a residential educational facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The School Board is urged to (a) convert the Old Homestead Hospital into a temporary residential educational facility to house and educate Haitian children who migrate into Miami-Dade County as result of the recent earthquake and (b) make such facility available, if necessary, to the County so that the County may utilize, if feasible, the facility to provide other necessary social services to the migrant children.

Section 2. This Board hereby directs the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee to prepare an analysis to determine whether it is feasible for the County to partner with the School Board to facilitate the conversion of the Old Homestead Hospital into a residential educational facility. The report detailing such alternatives shall be presented to the Board at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson. It was offered by Commissioner **Audrey M. Edmonson**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Barbara J. Jordan** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	aye
	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro		aye
Carlos A. Gimenez		aye
Barbara J. Jordan		aye
Dorrin D. Rolle		aye
Katy Sorenson		aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto		aye
	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
	Sally A. Heyman	aye
	Joe A. Martinez	aye
	Natacha Seijas	aye
	Rebeca Sosa	aye

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

APW/Sar

Juliette R. Antoine