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March 11, 2016

Mr. Rafael Casals, Town Manager  
Town of Cutler Bay  
10720 Caribbean Boulevard, Suite 105  
Cutler Bay, Florida 33189

Dear Mr. Casals:

Pursuant to Section 4.B.1 (Page 4) of our Interlocal Agreement, we are requesting \$27,275, in additional funds to purchase 25 MacBook Air tablets. The tablets will be provided to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade iPrep students for the 2016-2017 school year. We have also attached the best quote for the requested tablets.

As you know, iPrep Academy is an innovative program that provides students with an opportunity to accelerate in high school within an environment that deviates from the traditional high school paradigm. Students take advantage of a technology-rich atmosphere while still being able to be part of the comprehensive high school experience. As such, students have flexibility in scheduling their school day to include internships and community-based projects. Utilizing these tablets on a day-to-day basis allows students to stay engaged in the learning process while taking advantage of iPrep's unique educational structure.

Please review the attached documents and advise of the feasibility of honoring this request. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya, Associate Superintendent, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Grants Administration, and Community Engagement, at 305 995-1497, or [imendez@dadeschools.net](mailto:imendez@dadeschools.net).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alberto M. Carvalho".

Alberto M. Carvalho  
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachments

cc: Ms. Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya

**Interlocal Agreement by and between the Town of Cutler Bay, Florida,  
and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida**

**B) The Town:**

- 1) In consideration of the establishment by the Board of the Lower and Upper Academies, based on the combined attendance boundaries of both Cutler Ridge and Centennial, the Town shall contribute \$450,000 (the "initial iPrep contribution") to the School Board for the establishment of an iPrep Academy for approximately 100 student stations at the Upper Academy campus and disburse such amount to the Board no later than 30 calendar days following the Agreement's commencement date. Such funds will be initially for any necessary construction to create the standard iPrep class equipment, furnishings and spaces for up to 100 student stations over four grade levels, and for the initial purchase of information technology equipment necessary for the program. The total three-year contribution by the Town for this purpose shall not exceed \$450,000.

Additionally, after the third anniversary of this agreement, yearly, and at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to the end of the scheduled school year, the Board shall present to the Town any requests the Board may have for needed updating or replacement of equipment at the iPrep, up to a maximum of \$150,000 per year. The Town shall review said request by the Board and within thirty calendar days of said request, notify the Board of its action. If the Board's request is approved as submitted, the Town shall disburse to the Board the requested amount no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled start of the school year. If a lesser amount than requested is approved by the Town, or if the request is not approved in its entirety, the Board shall have the right to adjust the list of planned equipment updates or replacements, as well as to make any needed programmatic adjustments, at its sole discretion.

- 2) The Town shall also make a one-time capital investment of up to \$2,000,000 but no less than the actual cost of the capital improvements to establish four (4) new "state of the art" science laboratories for the senior high school program and ancillary site work improvements at the Upper Academy campus. The Board shall present a project cost estimate prepared by an independent cost estimating consultant commissioned by the Board to the Town, and the Town shall have fifteen (15) calendar days within which to review same and to notify the Board of its approval or disapproval. If the Board's request is approved as submitted by the Town, then the Town shall disburse the approved amount to the Board within fifteen (15) calendar days of said approval. If the Town disapproves the Board's request, and the Board and the Town do not reach an agreement on the Town's revised amount within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of the Town's disapproval, unless such time is extended by mutual agreement, then the Board shall not be obligated to proceed with the improvements described herein nor any of the remaining obligations included in this Agreement. Such improvements shall be equipped and in operation at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year. The facilities upgrade may be accomplished in two phases, as described below, provided however that implementation of Phase 2 is subject to the availability of