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**Subject:** **AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FORM AN  
EDUCATION COMPACT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE TOWN OF  
CUTLER BAY**

**COMMITTEE:** **INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK:** **STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Following the blueprint established by the formation of Education Compacts with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (District) and other local governments, the District and the Town of Cutler Bay (Town) will partner to bring together each organization's collective resources for the greater benefit of the students and the citizens of the Town of Cutler Bay.

The Town is located in Miami-Dade County and home to 40,286 residents (per the 2010 United States Census). Incorporated in 2005, the Town encompasses a total area of 9.7 square miles. It is located adjacent to Biscayne Bay and bordered on the north by S.W. 184 Street following US 1 to S.W. 112 and then along S.W. 126 Street. On the south it is bordered by S.W. 216 Avenue and along historic Old Cutler Road, veering on S.W. 224 Street going east to Biscayne Bay. The eastern border follows the coastline of Biscayne Bay from S.W. 184 Street to S.W. 224 Street.

The Town of Cutler Bay is home to eight District facilities: Bel-Aire Elementary; Cutler Ridge Elementary; Gulfstream Elementary; Dr. Edward L. Whigham Elementary; Whispering Pines Elementary; Cutler Bay Academy of Advanced Studies, Centennial; and Cutler Bay Academy of Advanced Studies, Cutler Ridge. These schools are part of the Miami Southridge Senior High School feeder pattern; therefore, Miami Southridge Senior High School is also included in the Compact.

Through this Education Compact, the District and the Town will strive to meet the educational needs of youth in the Town and help to enhance the learning opportunities for them. Through the collaborative efforts of the Education Compact, programs and/or projects will be expedited or realized to enrich the lives of students and families residing in the Town of Cutler Bay.

The areas of focus in this collaboration include, but are not limited to, student achievement, community involvement, communication, and facilities. The initial

activities, intended outcomes, and measures associated with each of these major focus areas are listed below.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### Activities:

1. The District and Town will work with area Miami-Dade County Public Library branches to develop community awareness of the online learning resources available to students. The Town and District will encourage all students in Compact schools to register for public library cards.
2. The District and Town will work together to establish a curriculum expo to highlight educational programs available in Town schools.
3. The Town will collaborate with the District to explore possible resources to ensure that all students and parents have access to the District's online portal.
4. The Town and District will collaborate to support the Superintendent's Cultural Passport Initiative and explore venues such as the county's South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center to provide students with an opportunity to showcase their talent to the community. The Town will provide space at its Town Hall to display children's work and achievements.
5. The District will identify key career pathways for students and encourage career appropriate internship opportunities within Town departments and/or in local businesses. The Town will explore developing an internship program including all municipal departments.
6. The Town and the District will collaborate to identify Town staff and other community partners to participate in Career Day activities in Town Compact schools.
7. The District and Town will explore tutoring and academic enrichment strategies to enhance before- and after-school programs offered at schools and community centers.
8. The Town and the District will collaborate to enhance college readiness and access efforts through school counseling and college assistance programs for students attending Town schools.
9. The District will provide the Town with available student aggregate data for Town schools.
10. The Town and District will partner with local universities and colleges to establish and maintain partnerships that will increase graduation rates for local students and increase the rate of college admissions.

Key Intended Outcomes:

- Sustained academic achievement
- Demonstrated learning gains in reading, math, and science
- Increased academic enrichment opportunities
- Increased access to the District's Portal
- Increased participation in internship opportunities
- Increased before- and after-school programs
- Increased graduation rates

Measures:

- Aggregate data for Town schools on student measures readily available to the District
- Number of students participating in academic enrichment activities in schools throughout the county
- Number of students participating in service-learning programs and/or internships
- Number of before- and after-school programs
- Number of communication efforts highlighting available programs within Town schools.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Activities:

1. The Town and the District will collaborate on community engagement initiatives and events.
2. The Town and the District will collaborate to identify area businesses to establish partnerships with local schools through the Dade Partners Program.
3. The Town will collaborate with the District to identify grant opportunities that benefit schools and students.
4. The Town will maintain an Education Advisory Committee to support the Education Compact.
5. The Town, in conjunction with the District, shall host an annual Education Roundtable to discuss educational issues with community stakeholders, business leaders and school/District staff. School PTA/PTSA representatives will also be invited to update the community on its activities and priorities.
6. The Town and District will collaborate on activities and outreach efforts with schools by encouraging best practices, leveraging of resources, and improving of programs for youth.

7. The Town and District will collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to develop a "Stay-in-School" program to address student truancy.
8. The Town and the District will collaborate on the implementation of positive programs that support drug prevention awareness such as: Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE); Drug Free Youth In Town (DFYIT); Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL); Informed Families/The Florida Family Partnership; 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project; Red Ribbon Campaign; and Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT).
9. The Town shall collaborate with the District to identify student nominations from each Compact school for the Town's Youth Advisory Council.
10. The District will provide the Town with aggregate Climate Survey data for schools.
11. The Town and the District will collaborate to identify and develop relevant workshops through The Parent Academy (TPA) on topics of importance to Town residents.
12. The Town will install and maintain computer kiosks throughout the Town to provide access to educational information via the District's online portals for students, parents, and community stakeholders.

Key Intended Outcomes:

- Increased community awareness about educational issues
- Increased community participation in educational related activities and events
- Increased access to school and Town facilities for community activities
- Increased internship experiences for youth
- Increased youth civic engagement in municipal government
- Increased accessibility to family/individual support services
- Increased usage of the District's portal(s)

Measures:

- Number of educational-related meetings
- Number of activities and events scheduled related to the Compact
- Number of youth participating in internships opportunities
- Number of municipal government meetings and activities with youth participation
- Number of parents from the Town feeder schools attending Parent Academy programs/workshops
- Number of parents participating in the school PTAs/PTSAs
- Number of students, parents, and community stakeholders utilizing the District's portal(s) at Town kiosks

## **COMMUNICATION**

### Activities:

1. The Town will work with the District to disseminate information related to educational opportunities and activities by placing information in strategic community locations.
2. The Town and the District will collaborate to enhance education-related communication to Town residents by linking information on the Town's education website with links to the District's portal(s) and Town feeder schools.
3. The Town and District will collaborate/advocate on legislative agendas in support of public education.
4. The Town and the District will provide an annual briefing to the School Board and the Town Council regarding the status of the implementation of the Compact and other issues of interest.

### Key Intended Outcomes:

- Increased collaboration between the District and the Town on education-related issues to support Compact initiatives and increased academic achievement
- Increased communication between the Town and the District regarding school educational initiatives
- Increased community awareness of the District's educational programs and resources available to students and their families
- Increased collaboration and advocacy on legislative issues pertaining to public education

### Measures:

- Number of Education Compact meetings and activities
- Number of District legislative priorities supported by the Town
- Number of education related information articles disseminated through Town sponsored communication methods.

## **FACILITIES**

### Activities:

1. Under the auspices of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA), between the District and Town, entered on May 3, 2012, both parties will adhere to the terms set forth in said agreement for facilities and programmatic enhancements.

2. The Town and the District will collaborate on joint-use facility agreements and review existing agreements for needed updates.

Key Intended Outcomes:

- Increased access to District and Town facilities for Compact related activities
- Increased collaboration on school enhancements
- Increased collaboration on joint-use agreements

Measures:

- Number of District and Town facilities where Compact related activities were held
- Number of improvements at Town schools
- Facility usage and joint-use facility agreements

The adoption of this Education Compact between the Town and the District establishes a pact to continually strive to highlight relevance and promote excellence in education in Town schools by joining forces for the greater benefit of both the students and citizens.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to form an Education Compact between the Town of Cutler Bay and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.