



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

DATE: November 20, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE –  
COORDINATE WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ADAPTIVE RE-USE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS  
ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place the above item on the November 20, 2024 City Commission meeting agenda as a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC").

The purpose of this referral is to initiate a discussion between the City and Miami-Dade County Public Schools ("M-DCPS") to promote historic preservation and adaptive re-use of historic buildings on school properties within the City. A number of M-DCPS buildings are historically significant and valuable to the cultural and architectural heritage of Miami Beach.

By improving coordination, M-DCPS and the City can work together to ensure these historic assets are preserved and adapted for continued educational use. This would raise awareness of the historic significance of these buildings. Also, M-DCPS can lead by example by showcasing the architectural and cultural value of historic buildings to students, parents, and faculty.

I would also like to encourage M-DCPS to meet with the City as to future projects, to discuss alternatives to demolition (including repairing, restoring, or reactivating a building). The Interlocal Agreement between M-DCPS and all local governments within Miami-Dade County, including Miami Beach, may provide a framework for these discussions.

As part of this referral, I would like to invite a representative from M-DCPS to attend the LUSC meeting and engage in preliminary discussions.

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

n/a

**Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**  
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:  
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item,  
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

Yes

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond  
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,  
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

### **Department**

Office of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

### **Sponsor(s)**

### **Co-sponsor(s)**

### **Condensed Title**

Ref: LUSC – Coordinate Historic Preservation with M-DCPS. (Bhatt)