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VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL

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Ms. Rickelle Williams
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Dear Ms. Williams:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has been closely monitoring the current legislative session in an attempt to implement changes that may be required in the immediate future. Through this monitoring, we have become aware that new regulations are being promulgated regarding school safety and security. Specifically, an additional emphasis is being placed on locking and monitoring access points to school sites when students are present on campus.

During our compliance review, we have identified Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School as an area of concern. This site currently lacks perimeter fencing enclosing areas where, during regular school hours, students are present for outdoor activities. Conversations with the principal have revealed additional security concerns, as he has noted that he commonly must ask the resource officer to remove individuals from the basketball courts and baseball field during instructional time.

The School Board is aware of the long and fruitful history of collaboration with The City of Miami Beach regarding Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, as well as the forty-year Joint Use Agreement that has been in effect since 1994. At this time, the School Board is requesting a review of the Joint Use Agreement to determine the best way to allow for fencing to be placed around Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School to limit access to the property during instructional time. To this effect, the Board is willing to submit any documentation necessary to satisfy the requirements of the *Improvements* section (IV.) of the agreement and is willing to pay for the fencing and its installation.

As always, the main concern for the Board is to move with expediency to assure the safety and security of the students and maintain full compliance with all federal, state, and local laws (as is mandated in section XVIII).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JBueno", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jose Bueno

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