

GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 1496.03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA ENDORSING THE CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND COMPREHENSIVE FORENSIC AUDIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the ongoing failure of the Miami-Dade County Public School System to build new schools and properly maintain existing schools is a matter of major concern to the community; and

WHEREAS, the public has invested billions of dollars in the capital construction program of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and there has been an obvious absence of accountability that continues at this time; and

WHEREAS, the record of the school construction program has been devoid of accountability and productivity, and the present status of the program reflects a continuation of inefficiency and strong resistance to meaningful, positive change; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Oversight and Advisory Board, established by the Florida Legislature to review operations of the school system, has found significant reasons for concern over the use or misuse of capital construction funds, and a forensic audit of the capital program has been formally recommended for immediate initiation by the Legislature and other authorities; and

WHEREAS, the continued failure of the school construction program, despite billions of dollars in funding and severe needs for new school buildings across the County, constitutes a matter of critical importance to all taxpayers, children, parents, educators, and the entire community, and therefore warrants a comprehensive, independent, forensic audit in order to facilitate accountability, productivity, and credibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 1. The Town of Golden Beach, acting by and through its elected representatives, hereby supports and endorses the call for an immediate and comprehensive forensic audit of the Miami Dade County Public Schools Capital Construction Program.

Section 2. The forensic audit should be commissioned to review issues of funding, use of funds, possible diversion of funds from capital to non-capital areas, and all other areas covered by the Advisory and Oversight Board's audit recommendation memorandum of May 14, 2003 and its formal recommendation of May 15, 2003.

Section 3. This resolution shall be furnished by the Town Clerk to the Governor, the Florida Department of Education, the Oversight and Advisory Board, the Office of the Auditor General of Florida, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate, and local members of the Florida Legislature.

Section 4. Severability. That the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences and phrases of this Resolution but they shall remain in effect, notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Conflict. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

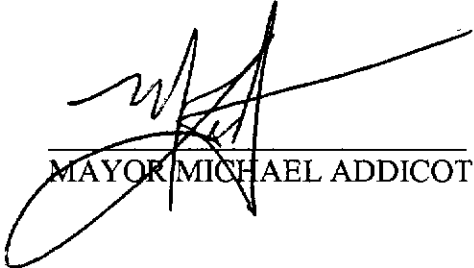
Section 6. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval of the Town Council.

Sponsored by Mayor Addicott.

The Motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Einstein, seconded by Councilmember Paruas and on roll call the following vote ensued:

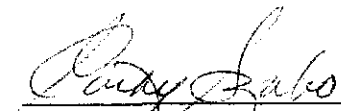
Mayor Addicott	<u>ABSENT</u>
Vice Mayor Iglesias	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Paruas	<u>AYE</u>
Councilmember Singer	<u>ABSENT</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach this 17TH
day of June, 2003.




MAYOR MICHAEL ADDICOTT

ATTEST:



CATHY SZABO
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY



PAUL D. EICHNER
TOWN ATTORNEY