

# NEW INITIATIVES (WHITE PAPER) FY2018

## \*\* CREATION OF MIAMI LAKES AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOL IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRIVATE PROVIDERS \*\*

April 18, 2018

### PROPOSED BY: MAYOR MANNY CID

#### 1. Strategic Structure

Strategic Priority (6) – Achieve National Recognition as a "Model Town" for Creativity, Education, Innovation, and Use of Technology

New Goal (6.6) - Establish an All-Inclusive Town

New Initiative (6.6.2) - Create Miami Lakes Autism Charter School in  
Conjunction with Private Providers

#### 2. Legality

According to the Florida statutes, municipal charter schools can be formed by creating a new school or by converting an existing public school to a charter school.

#### 3. Funding Source & Cost Estimates

Municipal Charter Schools receive money from the state based on the number of students in the charter school. Capital outlay that may be needed to get the facility (whether it is creating a new school or converting an existing public school) are financed by the municipality. Once the school is in operation, the school makes lease payments back to the City to pay debt. As an example, Aventura's K-8 cost \$6M and the high school cost \$14M which was financed by the City.

#### 4. Responsible Organizational Units / Resource Requirements

A new department would need to be created for this purpose. The municipality forms a governing board (which can be the council or can be a group of residents and parents). The governing board approves the budget and then it goes to MDCSB for approval. You could also create a sub board that works with management and only take the big items to the governing board.

A management company can be hired to manage the Miami Lakes Charter School.

## **5. High-Level Timeline/Schedule**

About 2 years to set-up structure in place and 2 years to acquire and build.

## **6. Performance Tracking Measures Toward Achieving the Associated Goal**

Completion of project and, maintain top rated school.

## **7. Identify Synergies to other Goals or Strategies**

Achieve recognition as "Model Town" for creativity, education, innovation and use of technology.

## **8. Feasible Alternative Strategies Addressing at a Minimum, Funding and Timeline, and may Provide Other Benefits of the Alternatives**

To pay for this initiative the Town would need to finance the initial capital investment to pay for the facility. In addition, there are indirect cost relating to supporting the facility operations such as Police, Fire, Public Works, Building Maintenance, etc. The debt can be funded, at least in part, by the revenue provided by the State per student. This is dependent on the number of kids that the school attracts. A study should be conducted to analyze that there is enough demand for services to ensure debt repayment.

