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The Honorable Members of the Broward County School Board
Broward County Public Schools
600 SE 3rd Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Subject: City of Fort Lauderdale Interest in the Seagull School Facility

Dear Chair Hixon and Members of the School Board:

On behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, I would like to formally express our interest in working with Broward County Public Schools to acquire the Seagull School property as a police and fire training facility.

The City recognizes the School Board's ongoing efforts to make difficult but necessary decisions to manage facilities and resources effectively for Broward's students. As these discussions continue, we see an opportunity for a meaningful collaboration that ensures this public asset continues to serve the residents of our community in a way that honors its original purpose.

The Seagull School facility provides a unique opportunity for the City to address an urgent need: a permanent, purpose-built public safety training center. A site like Seagull would allow us to consolidate operations into a modern campus that can support fire, EMS, and law enforcement training, enhancing readiness and regional coordination in life-safety response.

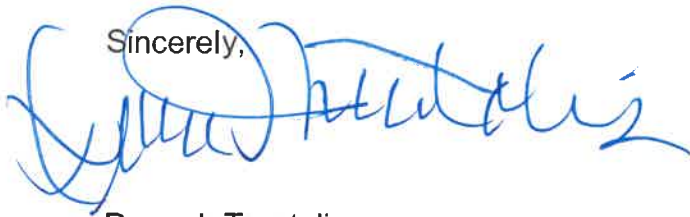
Beyond meeting immediate operational needs, our vision includes classroom space for advanced EMS instruction, simulation labs, public education programs (such as CPR and first aid), and youth training initiatives. The facility would also be available for regional multi-agency exercises, strengthening emergency preparedness across Broward County.

We understand that the future of school facilities involves complex considerations, and we are committed to working collaboratively with BCPS to explore options that meet both organizations' missions. This partnership would ensure that a public building, constructed with public funds, continues to serve the people of Broward County in a vital and lasting way.

We respectfully request the opportunity to engage in formal discussions regarding the potential transfer, lease, or shared use of the Seagull School property. Our staff is ready to work closely with your team to evaluate feasibility, timing, and terms that best serve our shared community.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the students and residents of Broward County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean J. Trantalis", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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