



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#17-1238**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** December 19, 2017

**TITLE:** Resolution Adopting the Third Amended and Restated Interlocal  
Agreement for Public School Facility Planning

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt the Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning (TRILA) by resolution.

**Background**

The Broward County School Board is requesting all municipalities to adopt the Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning. The amended agreement will incorporate an alternate level of service standard for school concurrency to avoid future boundary changes. Public school concurrency is a growth management tool intended to ensure that necessary public school facilities are available to serve new development. The amended interlocal agreement was adopted by the Broward County School Board on June 13, 2017 and Broward County on September 14, 2017.

The City Commission adopted the first interlocal agreement for public school facility planning in 2003. In 2010, the interlocal agreement was amended to update the methodology for measuring public school level of service (LOS). The LOS was changed from 110% permanent Florida Inventory of School Housing (FISH) Capacity to 100% Gross Capacity until the sunset date of 2018/2019. The 100% Gross Capacity methodology allows portables to be used in LOS counts, where 110% permanent FISH capacity does not.

The TRILA will allow the school board to implement either standard, 100% gross capacity (including portables) or 110% permanent capacity, to avoid potential boundary changes based upon school concurrency. An analysis of applying the two LOS standards is included in Exhibit 1. Without these amendments, certain schools, especially those overcrowded schools, would exceed the LOS and students would have to be bussed to other schools even though there are enough portables to accommodate those students.

School Board staff presented three alternatives for amending the LOS in the Interlocal agreement to the Education Advisory Board (EAB) on April 21, 2017 and May 19, 2017. The presentation is included in Exhibit 2. At the May 19, 2015 meeting, the EAB forwarded a Commission Communication which states the proposed LOS included in the TRILA is the most advantageous option for the students and residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Exhibit 3 shows the EAB's Commission Communication.

### **Comprehensive Plan Consistency**

The amended interlocal agreement is also consistent with the Public School Facilities Element Policy 2.1.1 which states that Broward County, the School Board, and the municipalities will coordinate through the procedures established in the ILA and the Broward County and municipal land use planning process to ensure that existing and proposed public school facility sites are consistent and compatible with the land use categories, future land use maps and policies of the County and municipal comprehensive plans and enable a close integration between existing and planned schools and surrounding land uses.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 5: Be known for educational excellence.
- Objective 1: Create a call to action with our partners to elevate our focus on excellent Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade quality public and private education.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are Prosperous*.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Level of Service Analysis

Exhibit 2 – School Board Staff Presentation on Agreement

Exhibit 3 – EAB Commission Communication

Exhibit 4 – Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning

Exhibit 5 – Resolution

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