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Subject: Consultation Response “Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2017-2020”

Dear Me. Dugré,

In regard to this proposed Policy, the Special Needs Advisory Committee would like to encourage the Council of Commissioners to keep in mind that there are many important services and programs for students with Special Needs that are housed at the different LBPSB schools and centers. Some examples include, but are not limited to, the LIFE program, REACH program, and various Work-Oriented Training Path (WOTP) programs.

Change may be very challenging for many students with special needs. The Special Needs Advisory Committee would like to strongly encourage that special consideration be made to maintain all of the current services and programs in the current locations, with the least amount of disruption or change for these students as possible. In addition, if changes must be made to the locations of these programs that would require students to travel longer distances with greater travel times, this could be problematic for these students. Therefore, the Committee would like to recommend that special transportation arrangements be made for these students.

Special consideration must also be made to accommodate those students who require physical accommodations such as ramps, wheelchair friendly bathrooms, elevators and accessible handicapped parking that is clearly marked.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this consultation.

Respectfully,

Jennifer DiMarco - Chair
Special Needs Advisory Committee, 2016-2017