



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**Rule Development: Attendance Boundary Recommendation
Berkshire Elementary School**

I recommend the School Board provide tentative approval of the recommendation to revise implementation until August 2007 of portions of boundary changes approved on January 11, 2006 for Berkshire, Cholee Lake and Melaleuca Elementary Schools.

- On January 11, 2006, the School Board unanimously adopted boundary changes for Berkshire, Cholee Lake and Melaleuca elementary schools to take effect in August 2006.
- The modernized campus of Berkshire Elementary School will not be available for students in August 2006, and there is no space on the temporary Berkshire campus for additional students.
- Immediate Board action is recommended, as delaying notification will cause a public hardship for families and schools who will be unaware of accurate school assignments for hundreds of students and who will be unable to prepare for the coming school year.
- Under this recommendation, implementation of boundary assignment from Berkshire Elementary School to Melaleuca Elementary School for kindergarten through fifth grade students in SAC 162 will occur in August 2007.
- Because of overcrowded conditions at Cholee Lake Elementary School and some available space at Melaleuca Elementary School, the approved boundary assignment from Cholee Lake Elementary School to Melaleuca Elementary School for kindergarten through third grade students in SAC 172A (split) will be implemented in August 2006, as previously approved.
- Under this recommendation, fourth and fifth grade students from SAC 172A (split) will remain assigned to Cholee Lake Elementary School for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years. District transportation will be provided for these students.
- Families in SAC 172A (split) with students assigned by grade levels to both Cholee Lake and Melaleuca elementary schools will have the option for siblings to attend Melaleuca Elementary School together.
- Principals of the three schools had input into the development of this alternative boundary assignment plan.
- This regular development is identical to the proposed emergency rule adopted by the Board on March 15, 2006. Simultaneous regular rule development is needed because an emergency rule can be in effect for only 90 days. A copy of the rulemaking notice is attached.

BOARD GOAL(S): 6 **KEY RESULT(S):** 10

LEGAL SIGN-OFF: _____ **Yes** **N/A**

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FINANCIAL IMPACT	There is no financial impact.

AGENDA ITEM