THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT (BOUNDARIES) AND PUBLIC HEARING

RULE TITLE: Attendance boundary changes for three schools in Palm Beach County for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years.

RULE NUMBER: Unnumbered rule in Chapter 9.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE RULE DEVELOPMENT: Recommended changes in attendance boundaries for Berkshire, Cholee Lake, and Melaleuca elementary schools, to delay or gradually phase-in certain boundary changes that were previously approved by the Board on January 11, 2006.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This action implements the School Board's power to assign students to schools and adopt school attendance areas as deemed necessary by it for the efficient operation of the District school system. Specifically, there will be a delay or gradual phase-in of certain boundary changes previously approved by the Board on January 11, 2006, affecting Berkshire, Cholee Lake, and Melaleuca elementary schools because 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.

SPECIFIC RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: F.S. 1001.41(1) and (2); 1001.42(22).

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: F.S. 1001.41(1) and (6); 1001.42(4)(a).

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THE PRELIMINARY TEXT of the Proposed Rule Development may promptly be obtained without cost from the District's Office of Public Affairs.

PUBLIC HEARING: This rule development will be considered at a hearing within the special Board meeting on policies on **March 29, 2006**, anticipated to begin at 4:00 p.m., in the School Board Chambers at 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, Fla. <u>If time limitations preclude hearing this proposal on March 29, it may be heard at the special meeting on April 5, 2006, anticipated to begin at 3:15 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 3300 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm <u>Beach, Fla.</u> The hearing is open to the public. A copy of the agenda will be available in advance from the Office of Public Affairs.</u>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop by contacting the Board Clerk at 434-8139.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the School Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal would be based.

SUMMARY OF RULE (PROPOSED BOUNDARIES) AFFECTING THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

It is proposed that:

1. The implementation of the following boundary change adopted by the School Board on January 11, 2006, and scheduled for implementation in August 2006, be deferred until August 2007.

Melaleuca to Berkshire:

Elementary school students residing in an area bounded on the north by the West Palm Beach Canal; on the east by the canal east of Kirk Rd., extended; on the south by the centerline of Summit Blvd. and on the west by the centerline of Military Trail be assigned from Melaleuca Elementary School to Berkshire Elementary School beginning in August 2007.

2. The implementation of the following boundary change that was adopted by the School Board on January 11, 2006, and was scheduled for implementation in August 2006, be phased-in by grade levels as follows.

Cholee Lake to Melaleuca:

Elementary school students residing in an area bounded on the north by the centerline of Summit Blvd.; on the east by the centerline of Military Trail; on the south by the centerline of Forest Hill Blvd and on the west by the centerline of Haverhill Rd. be assigned from Cholee Lake Elementary School to Melaleuca Elementary School beginning in August 2006, following the phased-in grade level implementation schedule described below:

- a. School year 2006-2007: Students in kindergarten through third grades residing in the area described above be assigned to Melaleuca Elementary School. Students in fourth and fifth grades residing in the same area remain assigned to Cholee Lake Elementary School.
- b. School Year 2007-2008: Students in kindergarten through fourth grades residing in the area described above be assigned to Melaleuca Elementary School. Students in fifth grade residing in the same area remain assigned to Cholee Lake Elementary School.

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