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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Corcoran
FROM: Suzanne Pridgeon
DATE: June 5, 2019
SUBJECT: School District Construction Flexibility

The uniform statewide building code for the planning and construction of public educational and ancillary plants, State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), is adopted by the Florida Building Commission as part of the Florida Building Code.

- Generally, Florida district school boards must adhere to the SREF when planning and constructing educational facilities and ancillary plants.
- Facilities for non-conversion charter schools must meet the requirements of the uniform statewide building code, except for the SREF.

However, as authorized by section 1013.385(2), F.S., district school boards may adopt a resolution with a majority vote at a public meeting that begins no earlier than 5:00 p.m. to implement an exception to one or more of the following SREF requirements:

- Use of wood studs in interior nonload-bearing walls;
- Paved walkways, roadways, driveways, and parking areas;
- Covered walkways for relocatable buildings;
- Site lighting; and
- As a result of HB 7055 (2018), any other provisions that limit the ability of a school to operate in a facility on the same basis as a charter school pursuant to s. 1002.33(18), F.S., so long as the regional planning council determines that there is sufficient shelter capacity within the school district as documented in the Statewide Emergency Shelter Plan.

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