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Mr. J. David Armstrong, Jr., Chancellor
Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street
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Dear David:

As we reach the mid-point of this first decade of the millennium, a review of our commitments to the local community shows a significant urban area in western Miami Dade County with a lack of adequate access to Miami Dade College academic instruction and related services. Therefore, I take great pleasure in submitting a proposal to request State Board of Education designation of a site in western Miami Dade County, Florida as a Campus of Miami Dade College.

This new Campus will be located on a 9.89 acre site in far western Miami Dade County (3800 NW 115 Ave, Miami, Florida 33178). With approximately 27% of the total 2.2 million county population in the four western minor statistical areas and a 39% projected growth by the year 2015, a Miami Dade College Campus in this area will provide much needed public college-level academic instruction.

The establishment of this new Campus is a priority in the College's Strategic Plan and this request is being considered by our District Board of Trustees at their January 11, 2005 meeting. Following the board meeting, I will forward a copy of the official board action and also copies of letters of endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eduardo'.

Eduardo J. Padrón