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Broward County Vice Mayor Elected to Chair School Oversight Committee



Broward County Vice Mayor Lois Wexler has been elected to chair the Broward County School Oversight Committee. The committee is in place to ensure that the rules and regulations for public school facility planning are followed and that Broward County is in compliance with an interlocal agreement that governs the coordination of growth management with the availability of public schools.

The interlocal agreement was signed by the School Board of Broward County, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners and 26 cities in May 2003.

The 15-member Oversight Committee consists of School Board Members, a County Commissioner, municipal elected officials, and community stakeholders. The School Board, the County Commission and the Broward League of Cities each appoint five members. The School Oversight Committee meets quarterly and conducts public hearings and issues a report each year that examines the successes and failures of the interlocal agreement during the preceding year.

The annual report examines items such as student enrollment and population, school site selection, facility renovations, and potential school site closures.

According to Vice Mayor Wexler, "The Committee's work has been particularly important and challenging this past year as they have been overseeing the preparation of a school concurrency program for Broward County that will require adequate classroom space to be available to serve new residential development. State law requires that the school concurrency program be in place in Broward by February 1, 2008."

Prior to being elected to the Broward County Commission, Vice Mayor Wexler served on the School Board of Broward County for twelve years, and served three terms as Chair. She is a longtime champion of issues that affect children and senior citizens. Vice Mayor Wexler is also a member of the Children

Services Board, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Broward Aging Alliance.

The Vice Mayor was elected to the Broward County Commission in November of 2004 and represents District 5 which includes the entire city of Cooper City and portions of Davie, Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, Plantation, The Town of Southwest Ranches, Sunrise and Weston.

For more information on the Broward County Commission and Vice Mayor Wexler please visit www.broward.org/wexler.

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