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**JOINT MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY,
FLORIDA AND THE LEGUE OF CITIES EDUCATION ISSUE COMMITTEE**

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2007
LOCATION: KCW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Property Tax Reform

All agreed that the Proposed Constitutional Amendment on Property Tax Reform will impact the cities and school districts and this is an issue on which we must collaborate and work together. It was agreed that we should embark upon a public awareness campaign in order to educate the public about the potential negative impact of the Proposed Amendment on cities and school district services.

The League of Cities and School District staff should work together on designing a matrix which details services which could potentially be cut if the Property Tax Amendment passes in January 2008. In addition, staff should work together on designing a chart showing the amount of taxes Floridians pay compared to other states. This information will be a part of a public awareness campaign. A public awareness campaign should include potential solutions, such as identifying specific revenue streams, which could be used to offset property tax cuts.

School Resource Officers (SROs)

All agreed that SROs provide a valuable service. The problem is that the cities and the school district are facing tough financial times and don't have enough funds for SROs. It was agreed that we should identify potential revenue sources to fund SROs, such as homeland security grants, approaching Broward County to share the cost, etc. The School District will further review ability to increase funds during 2008-09 budget process.

Crossing Guards

All agreed that crossing guards provide a valuable service. The problem is that the cities and the school district are facing tough financial times. Statute provides funding source for municipalities and county, not School Boards, for this activity. Funding sources for crossing guards should be explored, such as: approaching Broward County to share costs of crossing guards.