

# Schools

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MIAMI BEACH, MIAMI, FLORIDA

June 19th, 1919

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Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
424 N. Capitol Blvd.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Fisher:-

At the last meeting of the City Council at Miami Beach, Mr. Hall of the County Board of Education, was present, and stated in all probability they could include in their next bond issue, a school house for Miami Beach, and could have it completed for the season of 1920 and 1921. They are considering a location near one of the city parks, as this would probably be best, so that the children could have the use of the city park for a play-ground.

They suggested, looking into the future, that two schools would be needed and one should be located on the Luzzus park, and one on our park, and they thought it would be wise to secure a location at once, and hold it for the erection of the school buildings when needed, as they could get the property much cheaper at this time than they would be able to get it for in the future. Now, personally, I feel that a school house is not a good thing in a residential district, and yet it is necessary, and part of the equipment that goes to make up a community.

Have you any suggestions to make as to a location for this? They thought perhaps it should have an entire block, where ever they selected it.

You certainly left in the right time, the day following the mosquitoes arrived in clouds.

Very truly yours,

Mr Hall stated if some one could finance the school building this year, we could have it for this winter and they would include this in their next "Bond Issue", and reimburse the party putting up the cash. Do you think best to do this, or wait?

June 30th, 1919.

Mr. Thomas J. Hancock,  
Miami Beach Improvement Company,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Hancock :

Replying to yours of the 19th : Any time you see me leave Miami in the Summer time, you can depend upon it that the mosquitoes will come the day following. Isn't there some Bible quotation that states that "The Lord takes care of his own" ?

Regarding the public school building : I will finance a public school building on the basis of 6% interest, and they can build just as good a one as they want - and I think they should do so quickly. We need a public school building more than anything else that I know of just now.

I think we should have a fine building and they should have an entire city block - near the City Park would be best. A school building is not as great a detriment to property if you give the building plenty of room, plenty of good looks, and put a first class fence around it so that the children are confined inside the yard. You can take this matter up with the Commissioners immediately, and if you can handle this thing and our attorneys can get the matter straightened up in proper shape, they can get out plans and build the school immediately --- but we want a good building and with a capacity sufficient to look a little bit to the future.

The location of one building on Lummus Park facing the Ocean is fine, and in fact, it seems to me that the location of both buildings facing the Ocean would be fine.

Let me hear from you as quickly as possible. I wouldn't care to undertake to finance the outfit for more than \$50,000.

Yours very truly,

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