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PBCC, Wellington to discontinue lease talks

(Lake Worth, Fla. -- April 23, 2009) After a year of working toward bringing Palm Beach Community College to the Village of Wellington and a final meeting between staffs, the Village Manager and the College President will recommend ending negotiations.

In a statement from the manager's office, Paul Schofield said, "While everyone agrees that having Palm Beach Community College in Wellington is a worthwhile goal, differences in organizational expectations and changes in the economy have not allowed us to develop a mutually beneficial partnering that meets the needs of both the Village and the College. "

In a concurrent statement, Dr. Dennis Gallon, Palm Beach Community College president, said "We have some overriding philosophical differences that have created a gap between what both sides want and can realistically deliver."

Both administrators agree that the parting is cordial and that they will continue to work toward providing better service to Wellington and the surrounding communities. Mr. Schofield will recommend that the workshop scheduled for today be canceled and that the lease be removed from future agendas.

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