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## FAMU withdraws request for dental school

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Florida A&M University has withdrawn its request for a new dental school from next month's Board of Governors meetings.

Instead, FAMU is proposing a partnership with University of Florida which will add 12 FAMU students to UF's 80-student first-year class at its longstanding dental school.

Donald Palm, assistant vice president of academic affairs at FAMU and director of the university's dental plan initiative, confirmed today that FAMU still hopes to one day be home to a dental school that caters primarily to minority students who will practice in rural and under-served areas.

At a September Board of Governors meeting, when FAMU first presented its proposal for a new dental school in Tallahassee, it was clear that BOG members were not inclined to request funding from the Legislature for a new, multi-million dental school project, Palm said.

"The dream's still alive," he said. "It's just on hold."

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