

April 28, 1999

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO
NEGOTIATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE 1999-2000
SCHOOL YEAR**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION
FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations from the community. These applications were submitted to the Charter School Review Committee on April 23, 1999, as established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools. The committee members voted to recommend the following applications:

- Rosa Parks Community School will serve approximately 300 students enrolled in grades 4-6, with 100 students enrolled in its first year in grades 4-5, at 5026 Northeast 2 Drive, Homestead, Florida. This charter school will be operated by Work America, Inc., Mr. Herbert J. Coleman, Founder and CEO.
- The Doral Academy will serve approximately 350 students in grades 6-8, with 150 students enrolled in its first year in grades 6-8; at 9700 Northwest 25 Street, Miami, Florida. This charter school will be operated by Mr. Fernando Zulueta, Founder and Chairman of The Mater Center School, Inc., and of Somerset Neighborhood School.

The Charter School Review Committee identified issues in the recommended applications, which will have to be addressed satisfactorily in the development of the charter contract. Final implementation of the charter schools will be predicated on the successful and timely completion of the charter school contract and subsequent approval by the School Board.

Copies of the charter school applications will be provided to the Board members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the Rosa Parks Community School application and authorize the negotiation of a three-year contractual agreement for the 1999-2000 through the 2001-2002 school years;
2. approve The Doral Academy application and authorize the negotiation of a five-year contractual agreement for the 1999-2000 through the 2003-2004 school years; and
3. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with the approved applicants contracts which reflect the content of the applications, as approved by the School Board, and in compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rule, such contractual agreements to be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.