

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL
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**

Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, The Mater Center School, Inc., and Youth Co-Op Charter School have requested that modifications be made to their initial charters. The Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, The Mater Center School, Inc., and Youth Co-Op Charter School contractual agreements were previously approved by the School Board on May 13, 1998, for a three-year period from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2001. As per Section 228.056, 16 (c) F.S., a charter may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

- The Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School has requested that its contractual agreement be amended to increase the overall enrollment at the school for the term of their initial contractual agreement as follows:

Year 1: 1998-1999-Grades K-3 up to 56 students (no change)
Year 2: 1999-2000-Grades K-4 from up to 84 students to up to 150 students
Year 3: 2000-2001-Grades K-5 from up to 112 students to up to 210 students

- The Mater Center School, Inc., has requested that its contractual agreement be amended to extend the term of their initial contract from 3 years to 5 years, and to increase the overall enrollment at the school as follows:

Year 1: 1998-1999-Grades K-5 up to 75 students (no change)
Year 2: 1999-2000-Grades K-5 from up to 75 students to up to 550 students
Year 3: 2000-2001-Grades K-5 from up to 75 students to up to 900 students
Year 4: 2001-2002-Grades K-5 up to 1200 students
Year 5: 2002-2003-Grades K-5 up to 1400 students

The Mater Center School, Inc., has also requested the approval of two additional outreach facilities to accommodate the increased enrollment at 7700 Northwest 98 Street, Hialeah Gardens, and 418 Southwest 4 Avenue, Miami.

- Youth Co-Op Charter School has requested that its contractual agreement be amended to extend the term of its initial contract from 3 years to 5 years, and to increase the overall enrollment at the school as follows:

Year 1: 1998-1999-Grade 6 up to 80 students (no change)
Year 2: 1999-2000-Grades 6-7 from up to 165 students to up to 200 students
Year 3: 2000-2001-Grades 6-8 from up to 250 students to up to 300 students
Year 4: 2001-2002-Grades 6-8 up to 300 students
Year 5: 2002-2003-Grades 6-8 up to 300 students

Copies of the contractual agreement amendments will be provided to School 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, approve the contractual agreements, as amended, with:

1. Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School for the term of the initial contract to increase the overall enrollment up to 210 students;
2. The Mater Center School, Inc., to extend the initial term of the contract through the 2002-2003 school year and to increase the overall enrollment up to 1400 students at three locations; and
3. Youth Co-Op Charter School to extend the initial term of the contract through the 2002-2003 school year and to increase the overall enrollment up to 300 students.

The appropriation for the fiscal year 1999-2000 of these contractual agreements will be included in the General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.