

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE LIBERTY CITY CHARTER SCHOOL PROJECT, INC., CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR THROUGH THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR

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

The Liberty City Charter School Project, Inc., was founded by Mr. Jeb Bush and Mr. T. Willard Fair, who co-chair the school's governing board. The school is located at 8700 Northwest 5 Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Authorization is requested to renew the contractual agreement with the Liberty City Charter School Project, Inc., for the 1999-2000 school year through the 2003-2004 school year. The original contractual agreement was approved by the School Board on July 29, 1996, for a three-year period from July 30, 1996 through June 30, 1999. As per Section 228.056, F.S., a charter school may be renewed for five years. A review of the Liberty City Charter School Project, Inc., has demonstrated that all the criteria utilized for approval in the initial contract have been successfully accomplished.

The Liberty City Charter School Project, Inc., has requested that its contractual agreement be renewed for five (5) years, to include and increase in the grade levels and the overall enrollment at the school as follows:

Year 1:	1999-2000-Grades Pre-K-grade 5	up to 240 students
Year 2	2000-2001-Grades Pre-K-grade 6	up to 280 students
Year 3:	2001-2002-Grades Pre-K-grade 7	up to 320 students
Year 4:	2002-2003-Grades Pre-K-grade 8	up to 360 students
Year 5:	2003-2004-Grades Pre-K-grade 8	up to 400 students

This contractual agreement has been reviewed and revised by the appropriate support staff during contract negotiation process. In addition, compliance with the guidelines and procedures of the Sunshine Law (286.011 F.S.) were followed.

A copy of the contractual agreement 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 renewal of the Liberty City Charter School Project, Inc., contractual agreement for the 1999-2000 school year through the 2003-2004 school year with an overall enrollment of up to 400 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8.

The appropriation for the first year of this contractual agreement will be included in the General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 1999.