

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO REVOKE THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW ACADEMY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION AND TERMINATE THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND NEW ACADEMY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

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

The New Academy Community Learning Center charter school application was approved at the Board meeting of February 18, 1998. Inasmuch as the charter school did not secure a facility, no contract was negotiated for the 1998-1999 school year. The approved application was postponed for the 1999-2000 school year, contingent upon the acquisition of a school site by June 1, 1999. A proposed site was submitted to the district and a contractual agreement with New Academy Community Learning Center charter school was approved by the School Board on June 23, 1999, for a three-year period, from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2002.

On August 4, 1999, the founder of the proposed charter school, Mr. John P. Ferrell, issued a letter stating that the school would not be able to open for the 1999-2000 school year. As per Florida's Charter School Legislation, Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, a charter may be terminated immediately if the sponsoring district determines that good cause has been shown. The New Academy Community Learning Center's failure to meet the terms of the postponement granted by the district constitutes good cause to terminate the contractual agreement.

Copies of the correspondence pertaining to this requested action 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, revoke the approval of the New Academy Community Learning Center charter school application and terminate the contractual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and New Academy Community Learning Center effective August 26, 1999.