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Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE MIAMI SHORES/  
BARRY UNIVERSITY CONNECTED LEARNING COMMUNITY  
CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2000-  
2001 SCHOOL YEAR THROUGH THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School was founded under the leadership of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, and Ambassador Charles E. Cobb, Jr. The school, located at 11441 Northwest 2 Avenue, Miami Shores, Florida 33168, currently serves 180 students in grades 6 through 8.

Authorization is requested to renew the contractual agreement with the Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School for the 2000-2001 school year through the 2014-2015 school year. The original charter school contractual agreement was approved by the School Board on July 23, 1997, for a three-year period from July 24, 1997 through June 30, 2000. A review of the Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School has demonstrated that all the criteria utilized for approval in the initial contract have successfully been met.

In order to facilitate long-term financing, as per Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, charter schools operating a minimum of three years and demonstrating exemplary academic programming and fiscal management are eligible for a 15-year renewal charter school contractual agreement. Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School has requested that its charter school contractual agreement be renewed for 15 years, to include an overall enrollment of up to 200 students in grades 6 through grade 8, and with a grade level distribution of approximately 60 students per grade level.

This renewal charter school 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 renewal charter school 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 charter school contractual agreement for Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School for the 2000-2001 school year through the 2014-2015 school year with an overall enrollment of up to 200 students in grades 6 through grade 8.

The appropriation for the first year of this renewal charter school contractual agreement will be included in the General Fund of the Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000.

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