

May 2, 2000

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS  
LANGUAGE IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL  
AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS COMMENCING ON THE  
FIRST DAY OF THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the following charter school application and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreement with the approved applicant:

Hialeah Gardens Language Immersion Charter School, approved at the Board meeting of March 15, 2000, will be located at Northwest 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hialeah Gardens, Florida. This charter school will be operated by the City of Hialeah Gardens through a management contract with Charter Schools USA.

Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, governing charter schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of the charter school be considered in advance and written into a contractual agreement between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

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

A copy of this 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 charter school contractual agreement with Hialeah Gardens Language Immersion Charter School, effective May 18, 2000, for a period of 15 years commencing on the first day of the 2001-2002 school year.

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 2001.

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