

May 2, 2000

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the following charter school applications and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreements with the approved applicants:

ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Academy, approved at the Board meeting of February 9, 2000, will be located at 14112 Southwest 288 Street, Leisure City, Florida. This charter school will be operated by ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., Mr. Raul Martinez, President and CEO.

The Pinecrest Preparatory Academy, approved at the Board meeting of February 9, 2000, will be located at Southwest 142 Avenue and 40 Street, Miami, Florida. This charter school will be operated by Mr. Fernando Zulueta, Founder and Chairman of The Mater Center School, Inc., The Doral Academy, and Somerset Neighborhood School, a charter school in Broward County.

Rosa Parks Community School/Overtown, approved at the Board meeting of February 9, 2000, will be located at 900 Northwest Seventh Avenue, Miami, Florida. This charter school will be operated by Work America, Inc., Mr. Herbert J. Coleman, Founder and CEO.

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.

These charter school contractual agreements have 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.

Copies of these charter school contractual agreements 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 agreements with:

1. ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Academy, effective May 18, 2000, for a period of five years commencing on the first day of the 2000-2001 school year;
2. The Pinecrest Preparatory Academy, effective May 18, 2000, for a period of five years commencing on the first day of the 2000-2001 school year; and
3. Rosa Parks Community School/Overtown, effective May 18, 2000, for a period of five years commencing on the first day of the 2000-2001 school year.

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

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