

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE MATER CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BEGINNING WITH THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Mater Center School, located at 7700 Northwest 98 Street, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016, has requested that modifications be made to its charter. The Mater Center School contractual agreement was previously approved by the School Board on May 13, 1998, and subsequently amended on June 23, 1999. As per Section 228.056(9)16(c), Florida Statutes, a charter may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The Mater Center School has requested that its contractual agreement be amended again to change the grade configuration of the school from grades K-5 to grades K-8 with no change in the enrollment cap. The student enrollment breakdown by year is as follows:

- Year 1: 1998-1999 – Grades K-5 up to 75 students (no change)
- Year 2: 1999-2000 – Grades K-5 up to 550 students (no change)
- Year 3: 2000-2001 – Grades K-6 up to 900 students
- Year 4: 2001-2002 – Grades K-7 up to 1200 students
- Year 5: 2002-2003 – Grades K-8 up to 1400 students

The charter school's curriculum, instructional methods, and any distinctive instructional techniques to be used will also be amended to align with the school's curriculum offerings in grades K-8.

A copy of the contractual agreement amendment 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.

Mr. Fernando Zulueta is the Founder of the Mater Academy.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve The Mater Center charter school contractual agreement beginning with the 2000-2001 school year, as amended, to change the grade configuration of the school from grades K-5 to grades K-8 and to amend the charter school's curriculum and instructional methods to align with the curriculum offerings in grades K-8.

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