

January 11, 2001

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND TECHWORLD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11, 2001

A contractual agreement with Techworld Public Charter School, Inc., was approved by the School Board on June 24, 1999, for a five-year period, from June 24, 1999 through June 30, 2004. Pursuant to Section 228.056(10)(a)(d), F.S., and pursuant to the charter school contractual agreement, a charter may be terminated if the sponsor determines that good cause has been shown or if the health, safety, or welfare of the students is threatened.

On Friday, January 5, 2001, Mr. Daanen Strachan, governing board member, Techworld Public Charter School, Inc., notified Miami-Dade County Public Schools that the charter school will be closing as of Wednesday, January 10, 2001, due to financial hardship. The charter school governing board's unilateral decision to close the school constitutes a breach of the terms of the contract, therefore, providing the sponsor with good cause to terminate the contractual agreement between the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Techworld Public Charter School, Inc.

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The district has notified parents/guardians of students currently enrolled at Techworld Public Charter School to advise them of the school's closing and referring them to their home school for enrollment. Additionally, the district has notified the regions and principals of all senior high schools that may be impacted by the enrollment of the Techworld Public Charter School students so that preparations are made to assign students appropriately.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, terminate the charter school contractual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and Techworld Public Charter School, Inc., effective January 11, 2001.

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