

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 14 EXISTING CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS BEGINNING WITH THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

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 or the charter school governing board and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The sponsor (Miami-Dade County Public Schools) is requesting to amend the 14 existing charter school contractual agreements to address the following issues:

1. As per Section 228.0561(1), Florida Statutes, prior to the release of capital outlay funds to a school district on behalf of the charter school, the Department of Education shall ensure that the district school board and the charter school governing board enter into a written agreement. As such, the 14 existing charter school contractual agreements are being amended to add language outlining the district's procedures for distributing Charter School Capital Outlay funds; and
2. On October 11, 2000, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools, to comply with Florida's Legislation, Sections 228.056, 228.0561, and 228.057(9 now 8), Florida Statutes. In order to ensure that all the charter school contractual agreements contain the legislative changes as well as procedures established and/or revised by the district, the 14 existing charter school contractual agreements are being amended to add appropriate language.

The following charter schools will be impacted by this amendment:

Name of Charter School	Initial Date of Approval by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida	Founder/Initial President
ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Charter School	May 18, 2000	Mr. Raul Martinez
ASPIRA Youth Leadership Charter School	June 24, 1999	Mr. Raul Martinez
Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School	May 13, 1998	Ms. Juliet King/Ms. Lucy Canzoneri-Golden

Name of Charter School	Initial Date of Approval by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida	Founder/Initial President
Doral Academy	June 24, 1999	Mr. Fernando Zulueta
Florida International Academy	June 10, 1998	Dr. Jack Kirschner (deceased) Mr. Vance Phillips (current)
Liberty City Charter School	July 29, 1996	Mr. T. Williard Fair/ Mr. John Ellis Bush
Mater Center School, Inc.	May 13, 1998	Mr. Fernando Zulueta
Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community	July 24, 1997	Sister Evelyn Piche
Pinecrest Preparatory Academy	May 18, 2000	Mr. Fernando Zulueta
Rosa Parks Community School	June 24, 1999	Mr. Herbert Coleman
Rosa Parks Community School/Overtown	May 18, 2000	Mr. Herbert Coleman
Ryder Elementary Charter School	March 17, 1999	Mr. Edwin A. Hudson
Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School	June 10, 1998	Ms. Barbara Rodriguez
Youth Co-Op Charter School	May 13, 1998	Mr. O. Frank Valladares

Copies of the amended charter school contractual agreements will be placed on file, and will be available for inspection in the School Board members' office, in the Office of the School Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the 14 existing charter school contractual agreements beginning with the 2000-2001 school year, as amended, to:

1. add language outlining the district's procedures for distributing Charter School Capital Outlay funds; and
2. ensure that all the charter school contractual agreements contain the legislative changes as well as procedures established and/or revised by the district.

MT:cp