

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR DORAL ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE A TEN-YEAR CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BEGINNING WITH THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools, Miami-Dade County Public Schools received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations from the community. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Charter School District Review Committee met on February 8, 2001, to review the applications, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for acceptance or denial of each application to the Superintendent of Schools.

The committee members voted to recommend for approval the Doral Academy Charter High School application. The charter school will serve approximately 800 students enrolled in grades 9-12, with 400 students enrolled in the first year of operation in grades 9-10, at 2173 NW 99 Avenue, Miami, Florida. Mr. Fernando Zulueta will operate this charter school through a management contract with Academica Corporation.

Any pending issues identified by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Charter School District Review Committee in the recommended application will be addressed satisfactorily in the development of the charter school contractual agreement. Final implementation of the charter school will be predicated on the successful and timely completion of the charter school contractual agreement and subsequent approval by the School Board.

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

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the Doral Academy Charter High School application and authorize the negotiation of a ten-year charter school contractual agreement for the 2001-2002 through 2010-2011 school years; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with the approved applicant the charter school contractual agreement which reflects the contents of the application, as approved by the School Board. Such charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

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