

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF UTD-EDISON CHARTER SCHOOLS' LOCATIONS FOR APPROVAL

On December 11, 2000, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved two charter school applications for nine UTD-Edison Charter Schools and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreements with the applicant. The approved applications stipulate that UTD-Edison Schools will identify areas where schools are most needed to relieve overcrowding. The School Board agreed to waive 4% of the 5% statutorily permitted administrative fee in exchange for compliance with all the following conditions:

1. UTD-Edison Schools will not use the credit rating of the district or its tax-exempt status to finance the new schools (i.e., the district will not be the issuer of the securities).
2. The charter school properties will be newly constructed or renovated, and not third party leases.
3. The district will agree to the locations where UTD-Edison Schools develop the charter schools.
4. Under the terms of the financing, the district will have the right of first refusal to acquire the school properties in the event of default.
5. The schools will be built in accordance with State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF).

In accordance with the approved conditions, UTD-Edison Schools submitted nine charter school locations for consideration. The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) reviewed the proposed charter school locations and recommended their approval/denial to the Superintendent. The Superintendent's recommendations are as follows:

Proposed Location	Grade Levels	Number of Students	Recommendation
5700 NW 37 Avenue	6-8	1600	Deny
7901 NW 103 Street	K-8 or 6-8	1600	Approve
SW 312 Street, east of SW 167 Avenue	K-8	1600	Approve
SW 117 Avenue north of SW 164 Terrace	K-5	1000	Approve
SW 168 Street and SW 117 Avenue	K-8	1600	Deny
24400 SW 137 Avenue	K-8	1600	Approve

Proposed Location	Grade Levels	Number of Students	Recommendation
17801 NW 2 Avenue	6-8	1600	Locations recommended for approval on condition that only <u>one</u> be selected by UTD-Edison Schools
NW 175 Street and NW 7 Avenue	6-8	1600	
NW 207 Street and NW 17 Avenue	K-8	1600	Locations recommended for approval on condition that only <u>one</u> be selected by UTD-Edison Schools
North of Ives Dairy Rd. between NE 10 and 12 Avenue	K-8	1600	

The School Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate with the approved applicant the charter school contractual agreements which reflect the content of the applications, as approved by the School Board, and in compliance with Florida Statutes and Florida Board of Education Rule. Approval of sites does not guarantee approval of charter school contractual agreements. Such charter school contractual agreements 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.

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

1. approve the charter school locations recommended for approval by the Superintendent; and
2. deny the charter school locations recommended for denial by the Superintendent.

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