

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF UTD-EDISON CHARTER SCHOOLS' LOCATIONS**

On December 13, 2000, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved two charter school applications for the establishment of 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).

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Charter School Contract Review Committee met on December 4, 2001, to review the sites submitted by UTD-Edison, and, by a majority vote, made a recommendation for acceptance or denial of the proposed sites to the Superintendent of Schools. The proposed sites are as follows:

Proposed Location	Grade Levels	Number of Students	Recommendation
1001 NW 7 Street	K-8 or 6-8	1600	Deny
13300 NW 97 Avenue	K-8 or 6-8	1600	Approved as alternate location to site at 7901 NW 103 Street previously approved at the School Board Meeting of October 24, 2001
SW 107 Avenue and Quail Roost Drive	K-8 or 6-8	1600	Deny
14400 SW 260 Street	K-8 or 6-8	1600	Deny
Sunset Drive and SW 127 Avenue	K-8 or 6-8	1600	Approve

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. 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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