

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DORAL ACADEMY

As per Section 228.056(9)16(c), F.S., Charter Schools, a charter may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement. The Doral Academy charter school has requested that modifications be made to its charter. The Doral Academy charter school contractual agreement was previously approved by the School Board on June 23, 1999, and subsequently amended on August 25, 1999, February 14, 2001, and July 12, 2001.

The Doral Academy currently serves approximately 1,221 students in grades Kindergarten through 8th. The charter school has requested to increase the overall enrollment at the charter school in order to accommodate the students from the Miami International Airport Satellite Learning Center, whose parents choose this option, as a result of the midyear termination of that program. The student enrollment breakdown by year is as follows:

Year 3: 2001-2002 – Grades K-8 from up to 1,250 students to up to 1,350 students

Year 4: 2002-2003 – Grades K-8 from up to 1,250 students to up to 1,350 students

Year 5: 2003-2004 – Grades K-8 from up to 1,250 students to up to 1,350 students

The Doral Academy has also requested authorization to temporarily subcontract Miami-Dade County Public Schools' instructional personnel currently assigned to the Miami International Airport Satellite Learning Center, until June 14, 2002.

This charter school is operated through a management agreement with Academica Corporation, Fernando Zulueta, President. The following is the current Board of Directors for The Doral Academy: Jose Perez, Chair; Victor Barroso, Vice Chair; Alejandra Salima Abello, Director; Ana Carbonell, Director; Millie Fresen, Director; Francisco Leon, Director; Gabrielle Alvarez, Director; Mr. Rolando Llanes, Director; and Leticia Milian, Director.

A copy of the amendment to the amended charter school contractual agreement will be provided to School Board members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. The good cause to vary from the agenda is because the termination of the cooperative agreement between the School Board and Miami-Dade County for the operation of the Miami International Airport Satellite Learning Center will be effective December 31, 2001.

In an effort to minimize the impact of the closing of the Miami International Airport Satellite Learning Center, families of children enrolled at the school were provided the option to apply for admission to The Doral Academy.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the second amendment to the amended charter school contractual agreement with The Doral Academy, effective December 13, 2001, to:

1. increase the overall enrollment from up to 1,250 students to up to 1,350 students; and
2. authorize the temporary subcontracting of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' instructional personnel currently assigned to the Miami International Airport Satellite Learning Center, until June 14, 2002.

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