

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR MATER ACADEMY EAST CHARTER SCHOOL

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the charter school application for Mater Academy East Charter School on December 12, 2001, and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten (10) years commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 7, 2002, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement.

Mater Academy East Charter School will be located at 450 SW 4 Street, Miami, Florida 33130 and will also occupy an additional building located at 418 SW 4 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33130. The governing board will operate the school through a management contract with Academica Corporation, Fernando Zulueta, President. The charter school will serve a maximum of 800 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 8, with 500 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 5 in its first year of operation.

The following is the initial Board of Directors for Mater Academy East Charter School: Dr. Ruth Jacoby, Somerset Academy; Mr. Rolando Llanes, Corradino Group; Dr. Emilio Lacal, Doral Academy High School; Mr. Alejandro Remos, architect; and Mr. Henri Pferdmenges, banker.

Mater Academy East Charter School will be open to any student residing in Miami-Dade County. District schools in close proximity to the charter school include:

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Program Capacity)
Douglass Elementary, Frederick	822	94
Hartner Elementary, Eneida M.	1,131	120
Riverside Elementary	1,212	104
South Pointe Elementary	580	98
Southside Elementary	425	101

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Program Capacity)
Wheatley Elementary, Phillis	518	104
de Diego Middle, José	1,483	117
Citrus Grove Middle	1,578	119

Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement between the charter school and the Sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

Copies of this charter school contractual agreement 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, approve the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy East Charter School, for a period of ten years, commencing on the first day of the 2002-2003 school year.

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