

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC., ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES (SIATech)

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

On December 11, 2002, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted by School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on January 31, 2003, and by unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the proposed sites and the charter school contractual agreement with Florida School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc., on behalf of School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech).

School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech) will have two campuses, one, located at 3050 NW 183 Street, Miami, Florida 33056 and a second, at 12350 SW 285 Street, Homestead, Florida 33033. The charter school will serve a maximum of 800 students in grades nine through twelve with 400 students in its first year of operation in grades nine and ten.

The following is the Founding Board for SIATech: Edward L. Brown, Scientist; Linda Christine Harris Dawdson, Educational Administrator; Stephen B. Halfaker, Educational Administrator; Steven L. Hancock, Military Officer; Michael R. Hazelton, Educational Administrator; Eileen Holmes, Administrative Assistant; and Dan Tilton, Business Executive. The Governing Board will be selected prior to the opening of the school.

School for Integrated Academics and Technologies will be open to any student in grades nine through twelve residing in Miami-Dade County. District schools in close proximity to the charter school campuses include:

School	Student Population	% Utilization (Permanent Capacity)	% Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Sr.	3,338	114	112	2
Miami Carol City Sr.	2,871	110	101	21
N. Miami Beach Sr.	2,861	121	111	12
Homestead Sr.	3,248	111	111	0
Miami Southridge Sr.	4,073	134	109	32
South Dade Sr.	2,803	138	118	10

Source: School Operations

Section 1002.33, 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 the 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 in the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: Recognizing that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has previously approved this application, it is recommended that the Board grant approval of the:

1. proposed sites; and
2. charter school contractual agreement with Florida School for Integrated Academics and Technologies, Inc., on behalf of School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (SIATech), for a term of five years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year.

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