

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL  
                  OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH  
                  SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE, INC., ON BEHALF OF SPIRAL TECH  
                  ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:    EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

As per Section 1002.33(7)(b), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed every five school years. Successful Enterprise, Inc., on behalf of Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School commenced operations during the 1998-1999 school year under a contractual agreement for a term of three years, which was subsequently extended for an additional two years to expire on June 30, 2003.

During the 2001-2002 school year, Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School was in non-compliance with several terms of the contractual agreement, and on May 15, 2002, the School Board voted to terminate the contractual agreement effective August 1, 2002. Among the reasons for the termination were the school's failure to: maintain an appropriate Certificate of Occupancy; submit quarterly financial statements; and provide proof of current insurance coverage. The school appealed the termination with the State Board of Education and sought an injunction from the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County enabling it to open for the 2002-2003 school year. On November 20, 2002, the School Board approved the settlement offer made by the school.

The charter school has requested that the contractual agreement be renewed for a term of five years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year. The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 7, 2003, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the renewal of the charter school contractual agreement.

Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School is located at 12400 SW 72 Street, Miami, Florida 33183. It serves approximately 59 children in grades kindergarten through five. The governing board operates the charter school.

The following is the Governing Board for Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School: Barbara Cass, Chair; Silvia Torres, Member; Renee Barrios, Member; Patricia Chiappo, Member; Dorcas Varela, Member; and Phillip Lary, Member.

Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School is open to any student in grades kindergarten through five residing in Miami-Dade County. District schools in close proximity to the charter school include:

School	Student Population	% Utilization (Permanent Capacity)	% Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
Calusa Elem.	1,037	118	107	9
Cypress Elem.	498	106	101	1
Kendale Elem.	630	113	103	4
Royal Green Elem.	819	112	112	1
Snapper Creek Elem.	604	102	102	3
Sunset Park Elem.	811	126	123	2
Winston Park Elem.	1,032	117	107	9

Source: School Operations

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:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to renew the charter school contractual agreement with Successful Enterprise, Inc., on behalf of Spiral Tech Elementary Charter School for a term of five years, through the 2007-2008 school year.

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