

August 14, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

As per Section 1002.33(7)(c), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement 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 original charter school contractual agreement with Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 19, 2002, for a term of ten years commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. On August 21, 2002, the School Board approved the first amendment to defer opening the school until the 2003-2004 school year. On May 14, 2003, the School Board approved a second amendment to increase the grade levels from kindergarten through five to kindergarten through eight and increase the enrollment capacity to a maximum of 600 students.

Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., has requested a third amendment to allow the school to open in a temporary facility at 3634 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133, for the 2003-2004 school year while construction is finalized at the permanent facility at 3629 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on June 26, 2003, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement. ] Revise

On August 12, 2003, the school notified the district of delays in obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy for the temporary facility and requested permission to house the students at The Gibson Hall at Christ Episcopal Church, 3481 Hibiscus Street, Miami, Florida 33133, for a period of approximately one month, for which a Certificate of Occupancy and a Fire Permit have been provided. ] Added

Upon granting of a Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Permit for the facility at 3634 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133, the students will be moved without delay.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve the third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, to relocate the school to a temporary facility at 3634 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133, for the 2003-2004 school year; and
2. allow the school to house the students at The Gibson Hall at Christ Episcopal Church, 3481 Hibiscus Street, Miami, Florida 33133, for a period of approximately one month.

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