

August 8, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE TERMINATION OF
THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
MIAMI-DADE CHARTER FOUNDATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF SUNSET
HEIGHTS 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 The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Sunset Heights Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 15, 2002, for a term of ten years commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. The School Board approved a first amendment on August 21, 2002, to defer opening the school until the 2003-2004 school year.

The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., has requested to terminate the charter school contractual agreement since it will be unable to open the school for the 2003-2004 school year. School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12), does not allow for any additional deferments beyond the one year extension previously approved.

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

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the termination of the charter school contractual agreement with The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation, Inc., on behalf of Sunset Heights Charter School.