

August 8, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR THE MIAMI SHORES CHARTER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI SHORES VILLAGE FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS**

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

On December 12, 2001, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved a charter school application submitted by the Miami Shores Village for the Miami Shores Charter Senior High School. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of fifteen years.

Miami Shores Village notified the district on May 20, 2003, of its intent to increase the grade level configuration from grades nine through twelve to grades six through twelve, and decrease the student enrollment from a maximum of 600 students to a maximum of 525 students.

The Charter School District Review Committee met on June 26, 2003, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the amended application for the Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School.

Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School will be located at a facility to be constructed on the Barry University campus on the northeast corner of NW 5 Avenue and 112 Terrace, Miami Shores, Florida 33168. The charter school will serve a maximum of 375 students in grades six through ten its first year of operation, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year, and will incorporate the existing middle school students from Miami Shores/Barry University Connected Learning Community Charter School.

The following is the Founding Board for Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School: Mr. Jim McCoy, Mayor, Miami Shores Village; Ms. Herta Holly, Vice Mayor, Miami Shores Village; Mr. Ed Quinton, Council Member, Miami Shores Village; Mr. Al Davis, Council Member, Miami Shores Village; and Mr. Gregory Ullman, Council Member, Miami Shores Village.

Any pending issues identified by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Charter School District Review Committee in the recommended application, including minimizing the impact on district schools that are under-enrolled, will be addressed satisfactorily in the

development of the charter school contractual agreement. The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

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

1. approve the amended application for Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with Miami Shores Village, on behalf of Miami Shores Charter Middle/Senior High School, a charter school contractual agreement for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year, which reflects the contents of the amended application, as approved by the School Board.

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