

August 8, 2003

Mercedes Tournal, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:      REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE TERMINATION OF  
                  THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-  
                  DADE CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., ON BEHALF OF ELIZABETH  
                  DUFRESNE 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 Miami-Dade Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Elizabeth duFresne Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on October 23, 2002, for a term of five years commencing with the 2003-2004 school year.

Miami-Dade Charter Schools, 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 one year.

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 Miami-Dade Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Elizabeth duFresne Charter School.

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