

August 8, 2003

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST  
                  AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL  
                  AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF  
                  SOMERSET ACADEMY**

**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 Somerset Academy, Inc., was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 13, 2002, for a term of ten years commencing with the 2003-2004 school year. Somerset Academy, Inc., has requested a first amendment to defer the opening of the school for a period of one year to the 2004-2005 school year.

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

**RECOMMENDED:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy to defer the opening of the school to the 2004-2005 school year.

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