

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH DR. JOSEPH COATS GRACE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF DR. JOSEPH COATS GRACE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

On November 19, 2003, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years.

The school will be located at SW 232 Street and SW 112 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33032. The charter school will serve a maximum of 600 students in grades kindergarten through five, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Mr. Joaquin G. Aviñó, Developer; Mr. Luis Machado, Investor; and Ms. Anabel Estevez, Attorney.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on January 16, 2004, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School.

Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be placed on file and will be available for inspection in the School Board Members' office, in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and in the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: Recognizing that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has previously approved the charter school application, it is recommended that the Board grant approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and ending on June 30, 2010.