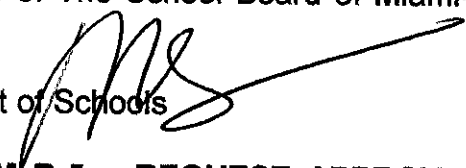


MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2004

TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida

FROM: Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools 

SUBJECT: **WITHDRAWAL OF AGENDA ITEM B-5 - REQUEST APPROVAL TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, ON BEHALF OF AVENTURA CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Board Item B-5, regarding the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement of Aventura Elementary Charter School, has been removed from the April 14, 2004, School Board Agenda.

Subsequent to the Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) meeting held Wednesday, February 18, 2004, Aventura Charter Elementary School submitted additional contract language, as well as deletions from the current boiler plate language, which must be reviewed and approved prior to submission to the School Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer and Deputy Superintendent of Schools, at 305 995-1960, or Mr. Michael Bell, Assistant Superintendent, School Choice and Parental Options, at 305 995-7260.

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Attachment

cc: Superintendent's Executive Staff
School Board Attorney
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Mr. Michael Bell
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Dr. Carlo Rodriguez

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 THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, ON
 BEHALF OF AVENTURA CHARTER ELEMENTARY 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 initial charter school contractual agreement for Aventura Charter Elementary School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 17, 2002, for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year.

Aventura Charter Elementary School is located at 3333 NE 188 Street, Aventura, Florida 33180, and currently serves approximately 600 students in grades kindergarten through five.

Aventura Charter Elementary School has requested a first amendment which would allow the school to increase the grade level from kindergarten through five to kindergarten through eight and to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 600 students to a maximum of 900 students, commencing with the 2005-2006 year and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2018.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 18, 2004, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement.

Copies of the amendment will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with the City of Aventura, Florida, on behalf of Aventura Charter Elementary School to increase the grade level configuration from kindergarten through five to kindergarten through eight and to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 600 students to a maximum of 900 students, commencing in 2005-2006 and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2018.

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