

March 24, 2004

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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH ASPIRA OF FLORIDA, INC., ON BEHALF OF
 ASPIRA EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS YOUTH LEADERSHIP
 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 initial charter school contractual agreement for ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 18, 2001, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2001-2002 school year, and subsequently amended on May 14, 2003, to increase the enrollment capacity.

ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School is located at 3650 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida 33127, and currently serves approximately 230 students in grades six through eight.

ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School has requested a second amendment which would allow the school to relocate to a facility at 1910 NE Miami Court, Miami, Florida 33127, and to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 300 students to a maximum of 600 students, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year and from a maximum of 350 students to a maximum of 600 students for the remainder of the contract which ends on June 30, 2006.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 18, 2004, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the second 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 second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., on behalf of ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Youth Leadership Charter School to relocate the school to 1910 NE Miami Court, Miami, Florida 33127, and to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 300 students to a maximum of 600 students, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year and from a maximum of 350 students to a maximum of 600 students for the remainder of the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2006.

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