

March 24, 2004

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE THIRD  
                  AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL  
                  AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN MIAMI CHARTER  
                  SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF DOWNTOWN MIAMI 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 Downtown Miami Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on February 13, 2002, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. The contractual agreement was subsequently amended on August 21, 2002, to correct the name of the contracting party, and on May 14, 2003, to increase the enrollment capacity and grade level configuration.

Downtown Miami Charter School is located at 305 NW Third Avenue, Miami, Florida 33128, and currently serves approximately 598 students in grades kindergarten through six.

Downtown Miami Charter School has requested a third amendment which would allow the school to increase the grade level from kindergarten through six to kindergarten through seven, commencing with the 2004-2005 year, and from kindergarten through six to kindergarten through eight, commencing in 2005-2006 and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2012.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 18, 2004, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the third 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 third amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Downtown Miami Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Downtown Miami Charter School to increase the grade level configuration from kindergarten through six to kindergarten through seven, commencing in 2004-2005, and from kindergarten through six to kindergarten through eight, commencing in 2005-2006 and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2012.