

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer  
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER  
                      SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL  
                      STUDIES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF  
                      INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

On November 19, 2003, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for International Studies Charter High School. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years.

The school will be located at 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida 33127. The charter school will serve a maximum of 1,000 students in grades nine through twelve, with a maximum of 500 students in grade nine in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2014.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on May 25, 2004, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with International Studies Charter High School, Inc., on behalf of International Studies Charter High School.

Section 1002.33(7), 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 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.

**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 International Studies Charter High School, Inc., on behalf of International Studies Charter High School, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

RKF/MB/CR:dcr