

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 UNITED PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE  
                  8.5 SQUARE MILE AREA, INC., ON BEHALF OF LAS PALMAS  
                  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 the Las Palmas Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on February 11, 2004, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year. The charter school will serve a maximum of 180 students in grades kindergarten through eight, with a maximum of 100 students in grades kindergarten through three commencing with its first year of operation.

Las Palmas Charter School has requested a first amendment which would allow the school to open at a facility located at 14250 SW 202 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33196, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2009.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on May 25, 2004, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., on behalf of Las Palmas Charter School.

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.

**RECOMMENDED:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., on behalf of Las Palmas Charter School, to open the school at a facility located at 14250 SW 202 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33196, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2009.