

May 4, 2005

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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST  
                  AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL  
                  AGREEMENT WITH DR. JOSEPH COATS GRACE COMMUNITY  
                  CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF DR. JOSEPH COATS  
                  GRACE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:    INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, states that 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 Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community 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 2005-2006 school year.

Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School will be located at SW 232 Street and 112 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33170, and will serve a maximum of 600 students in grades kindergarten through five in its first year of operation.

Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School has requested a first amendment to defer the opening of the school for one year until the 2006-2007 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on March 29, 2005, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School.

Copies of the amendment to the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to 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, grant approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Joseph Coats Grace Community Charter School, to defer the opening of the school for one year until the 2006-2007 school year.

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