

May 31, 2006

Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent  
Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER GARDENS ACADEMY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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.

On December 11, 2002, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Mater Gardens Academy. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years to facilitate access to long-term financial resources for charter school construction, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)(a)(12), Florida Statutes.

The school will be located at 9010 NW 178 Lane, Miami, Florida 33018. The school will serve a maximum of 900 students in grades kindergarten through five commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2016, and concludes in the 2015-2016 school year.

The following is the governing board for the school: David Concepcion, Chair; Antonio Roca; Ruth Jacoby; Shannine Sadesky; and Greta Santos.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 8, 2006, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Gardens Academy.

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 Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Gardens Academy for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2016, and concludes in the 2015-2016 school year.

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