

August 23, 2007

Antoinette Dunbar, Deputy Superintendent  
Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL TO RELOCATE  
                  STUDENTS AT EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL (0302)  
                  AND EXCEL MIDDLE CHARTER SCHOOL (6044)**

**COMMITTEE:   INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN:   GENERAL OPERATIONS**

The initial charter school contractual agreement for EXcel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 14, 2006, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2006-2007 school year. The contractual agreement was amended on August 1, 2007 to change the school's location from 6001 NW Eighth Avenue, Miami, Florida 33127 to 2990 NW 79 Street, Miami, Florida 33147.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for EXcel Academy, Inc., on behalf of EXcel Academy Middle Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 18, 2007, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year. The contractual agreement was amended on August 1, 2007 to change the school's location from 4850-60 NW 17 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33147 to 1140 NW 62 Street, Miami, Florida 33150. This school year will be this charter school's first year of operation.

Both charter schools have experienced difficulties completing facility approval processes in time for the opening of school. Consequently, both charter schools have temporarily relocated and are serving the students in a single facility located at 3650 North Miami Avenue, Miami Florida 33128. As of August 10, 2007, EXcel Academy Charter School had an enrollment of 110 students in grades kindergarten through five and EXcel Academy Middle Charter School had an enrollment of 37 students in grades six through eight. This temporary arrangement will be in place for a period of approximately six months until their permanent facilities are ready for occupancy. Pursuant to School Board Rule 6Gx13-6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), should the permanent locations fail to be secured within the time period specified, a request to change the permanent location is required and will be brought to the School Board for consideration as an amendment to the schools' contractual agreements.

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The following is the governing board for both of the charter schools: Vice-Mayor Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson (Opa-Locka), Charlie Brown, Patricia Grimsley, and Treelee Mustapha. The governing board operates the school through a management agreement with The Excel Management Group, Inc.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the temporary relocation of EXcel Academy Charter School and EXcel Academy Middle Charter School to 3650 North Miami Avenue, Miami Florida 33128, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year.

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