

October 3, 2007

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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL TO TEMPORARILY
RELOCATE STUDENTS AT CHARTER ON THE BEACH MIDDLE
SCHOOL (6007)**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

The initial charter school contractual agreement (Contract) for Charter on the Beach Middle School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 13, 2005, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)12, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. Subsequent Contract amendments have allowed for changes of the charter school's location, and the deferment of the opening of the charter school.

Charter on the Beach Middle School was scheduled to open at 1211-1219 Marseille Drive, Miami Beach, Florida 33141, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year and throughout the term of the contract, which expires on June 30, 2015. Under its current contract, the school may serve a maximum of 250 students in grades seven through eight throughout the term of the contract.

For the 2007-2008 school year, the charter school experienced difficulties completing facility approval processes in time for the opening of school. Consequently, on September 14, 2007 Charter on the Beach Middle School temporarily relocated to A Child's Journey Charter School located at 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-Locka, Florida 33054. This temporary arrangement will be in place until their permanent facilities are ready for occupancy, but for a period not to exceed four months, or January 14, 2008. As of September 28, 2007, Charter on the Beach Middle School had an enrollment of 50 students in grades seven and eight.

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 the charter school: Pablo Landi, Diego Ramirez, Martha Fernandez, Eduardo Gomez, and Calixto Navarro.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the temporary relocation of Charter on the Beach Middle School to A Child's Journey Charter School, located at 780 Fisherman Street, Opa-Locka, Florida 33054, commencing with the 2007-2008 school year.

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