

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent  
District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI ARTS, INC., ON BEHALF OF MIAMI ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

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 November 18, 2008, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (School Board) approved a charter school application submitted for Miami Arts Charter School (Miami Arts) and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years.

Miami Arts will be located at 3900 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137, and will serve a maximum of 700 students in grades six through twelve, specializing in performing arts, visual arts and creative writing, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year. The term of the contract shall be for five years, ending on June 30, 2014.

The Governing Board of the charter school is comprised of the following members: Mr. Alfredo de la Rosa, Music Conductor, Florida Ambassadors of Music New Music Ensemble; Ms. Christine de la Rosa, Music Conductor, Florida Ambassadors of Music New Music Ensemble; Ms. Jacqueline R. Menendez, Vice President, University Communications, University of Miami; and Mr. Alex Tamargo, Principal, Mater Academy East Charter High School.

Section 7(b) of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.471, Charter Schools (K-12), stipulates that charter school contractual agreements that fully conform to the approved Standard Charter School Contract do not require review and recommendation by the Charter School Contract Review Committee and can be forwarded directly to the School Board for consideration.

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Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and will be 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 charter school contractual agreement with Miami Arts, Inc., on behalf of Miami Arts Charter School for a term of five years, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

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