

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO
NEGOTIATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2000-2001
SCHOOL YEAR**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations from the community. These applications were submitted to the Charter School Review Committee on January 24, 2000, as established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools. The committee members voted to recommend the following applications:

ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Academy will serve approximately 260 students enrolled in grades 6-8, with 150 students enrolled in its first year in grades 6-8; school site will be identified prior to contract approval. Aspira of Florida, Inc., Mr. Raul Martinez, President and CEO will operate this charter school.

The Pinecrest Preparatory Academy will serve approximately 700 students enrolled in grades K-8, with 250 students enrolled in its first year in grades K-3, at 8180 Southwest 124 Street. This charter school will be operated by Mr. Fernando Zulueta, Founder and Chairman of The Mater Center School, Inc., The Doral Academy, and Somerset Neighborhood School.

Rosa Parks Community School/Overtown will serve approximately 500 students enrolled in grades 2-6, with 100 students enrolled in its first year in grades 4-5; school site will be identified prior to contract approval. Work America, Inc., Mr. Herbert J. Coleman, Founder and CEO will operate this charter school.

The Charter School Review Committee identified issues in the recommended applications, which will have to be addressed satisfactorily in the development of the charter school contractual agreement. Final implementation of the charter schools will be predicated on the successful and timely completion of the charter school contractual agreement and subsequent approval by the School Board.

Copies of the charter school applications will be provided to the Board members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve ASPIRA South Youth Leadership Academy application and authorize the negotiation of a five-year charter school contractual agreement for the 2000-2001 through 2004-2005 school years;
2. approve The Pinecrest Preparatory Academy application and authorize the negotiation of a five-year charter school contractual agreement for the 2000-2001 through 2004-2005 school years;
3. approve Rosa Parks Community School/Overtown application and authorize the negotiation of a five-year charter school contractual agreement for the 2000-2001 through 2004-2005 school years; and
4. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with the approved applicants the charter school contractual agreements which reflect the content of the applications, as approved by the School Board, and in compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rule, such charter school contractual agreements to be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.