

Education

Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

Miami-Dade County Public Schools received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations from the community. The ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Leadership Charter School application was submitted to the Charter School Review Committee on November 21, 2000, as established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools. The committee members voted to recommend ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Leadership Charter School for approval.

ASPIRA Eugenio Maria de Hostos Leadership Charter School will serve approximately 230 students enrolled in grades 6-8, with 150 students enrolled in its first year in grades 6-8, at 3650 North Miami Avenue. Mr. Raul Martinez, President and CEO of Aspira of Florida, Inc., will operate this charter school.

Any pending issues identified by the Charter School Review Committee in the recommended application, will be addressed satisfactorily in the development of the charter school contractual agreement. Final implementation of the charter school 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 application will be placed on file, and will be available for inspection in the School Board members' office, 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 Eugenio Maria de Hostos Leadership Charter School application and authorize the negotiation of a five-year charter school contractual agreement for the 2001-2002 through 2005-2006 school years; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with the approved applicant the charter school contractual agreement which reflects the content of the application, as approved by the School Board, and in compliance with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rule, such charter school contractual agreement 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.

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