

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL AND RESCIND THE AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HIALEAH GARDENS LANGUAGE IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL

The Hialeah Gardens Language Immersion Charter School application was approved at the School Board meeting of March 15, 2000. Inasmuch as the charter school did not secure a facility, a contract was negotiated for the 2001-2002 school year, at the request of the applicant. A charter school contractual agreement with Hialeah Gardens Language Immersion Charter School was approved by the School Board on May 17, 2000, for a period of fifteen years commencing on the first day of the 2001-2002 school year.

On March 12, 2001, Mr. Yioset De La Cruz, Mayor, City of Hialeah Gardens, notified Miami-Dade County Public Schools that the city wishes to withdraw the current application. As per Florida's Charter School Legislation, Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, the applicant and the sponsor have six months in which to mutually agree to the provisions of the charter school contractual agreement. At this time, the terms can not be negotiated due to the request for proposal that the city wishes to conduct. Therefore, pursuant to the city's request, the withdrawal of the application should be accepted, and the authorization to enter into a charter school contractual agreement rescinded.

Copies of the correspondence pertaining to this request will be placed on file, and will be available for inspection in the School Board members' office, in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept withdrawal of the application for a charter school and rescind the authorization to enter into a charter school contractual agreement with the Hialeah Gardens Language Immersion Charter School.

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