

June 27, 2001

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT  
FOR NORTHEAST ACADEMY FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS  
COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the charter school application from the Miami-Dade Charter Foundation at the School Board meeting of December 13, 2000, and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate charter school contractual agreements for each school, with the applicant. The Miami-Dade Charter Foundation was approved for a total of ten charter schools, with multiple charter schools opening each year commencing with the 2001-2002 school year. Northeast Academy is one of the charter schools opening under Miami-Dade Charter Foundation's approved application.

Northeast Academy will be located at 1750 NE 168<sup>th</sup> Street, North Miami Beach, Florida 33162. Mr. Jonathan Hage will serve as the chairperson of the initial Board of Directors. A permanent governing board will be created prior to the opening day of school. The charter school will operate through a management contract with Charter Schools USA, Jonathan Hage, President and CEO.

The charter school will serve a maximum of 600 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 5, with a maximum of 350 students enrolled in its first year of operation in grades Kindergarten through 3.

The following is the initial Board of Directors for Northeast Academy: Jonathan Hage, President and CEO, Charter Schools USA; Mr. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, Attorney, Duane, Morris and Heckscher LLP; Maxine Thurston, President and CEO, The Thurston Group; Luis E. Rojas, Attorney, Duane, Morris and Heckscher LLP; Larry Gautier, Executive Vice President, Colliers International; and Alina Tejeda Hudak, Senior Assistant to the County Manager, Miami-Dade County.

Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, governing charter schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of the charter school 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.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement 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, approve the charter school contractual agreement with Northeast Academy, for a period of ten years, commencing on the first day of the 2001-2002 school year.

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