

February 8, 2002

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHARTER SCHOOL

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the charter school application for Downtown Development Authority Charter School on December 13, 2000, and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten (10) years commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 7, 2002, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement.

Downtown Development Authority Charter School will be located at 305 NW Third Avenue, Miami, Florida 33128. The governing board will operate the school 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, commencing with the first year of operation.

The following is the initial Board of Directors for the Downtown Development Authority Charter School: Commissioner Wilfredo "Willy" Gort, City of Miami; Mr. L. Grant "Jack" Peeples, White & Case; Commissioner Jimmy Morales, Miami-Dade County; Mr. Jeffrey Bercow, Bercow & Radel; Ms. Loretta Cockrum, Forum Group; Ms. J. Megan Kelly, Swire Properties, Inc.; Mr. Carlos Migoya, First Union National Bank; Mr. Jorge Perez, The Related Group; Mr. Timothy Prunka, Insignia, ESG; Mr. Sergio Rok, Rok Enterprises; Mr. Rodrigo Trujillo, Hyatt Regency Miami; Mr. Warren Weiser, Continental Real Estate Co.; Mr. Alvin West, Greater Miami Convention Center and Visitors Bureau; and Mr. Phillip Yaffa, Florida East Coast Realty.

The Downtown Development Authority Charter School will be open to any student residing in Miami-Dade County. District schools in close proximity to the charter school include:

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Program Capacity)
Douglass Elementary, Frederick	830	95
Dunbar Elementary, Paul L.	723	105
Hartner Elementary, Eneida M.	1,130	120
Riverside Elementary	1,201	104
Wheatley Elementary, Phillis	523	105

Section 228.056, 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.

Copies of this 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 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 Downtown Development Authority Charter School, for a period of ten years, commencing on the first day of the 2002-2003 school year.

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