

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR KEYS GATE CHARTER SCHOOL**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the charter school application for Keys Gate 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.

Keys Gate Charter School will be located at SW 152 Avenue and SE 24 Street, Homestead, Florida (an assigned address will be provided by the Post Office). The governing board will operate the school through a management contract with Charter Schools USA, Jonathan K. Hage, President and CEO. The charter school will serve a maximum of 900 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 8, with 800 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 7 in its first year of operation.

The following is the initial Board of Directors for Keys Gate Charter School: Mr. Jonathan K. Hage, Charter Schools USA; Mr. Joaquin Aviñó, Wolfberg Alvarez Group; and Mr. Edward J. Pozzuoli, Tripp Scott.

Keys Gate 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)
Campbell Drive Elementary	1,091	109
Florida City Elementary	979	98
Redondo Elementary	727	107
Saunders Elementary, Laura	1,147	107
West Homestead Elementary	942	101
Campbell Drive Middle	1,376	91
Homestead Middle	1,392	135

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 Keys Gate Charter School, for a period of ten years, commencing on the first day of the 2002-2003 school year.

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