

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR MATER ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the charter school application for Mater Academy Charter High School on December 12, 2001, 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.

Mater Academy Charter High School will be located at 8000 NW 103 Street, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016. The governing board will operate the school through a management contract with Academica Corporation, Fernando Zulueta, President. The charter school will serve a maximum of 1,000 students enrolled in grades 9 through 12, with 500 students enrolled in grades 9 through 10 in its first year of operation.

The following is the initial Board of Directors for Mater Academy Charter High School: Dr. Ruth Jacoby, Somerset Academy; Mr. Rolando Llanes, Corradino Group; Dr. Emilio Lacal, Doral Academy High School; Mr. Alejandro Remos, architect; and Mr. Henri Pferdmenges, banker.

Mater Academy Charter High 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)
Goleman Senior High School, Barbara	4,522	114
Hialeah Senior High School	3,535	133
Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School	3,408	118
Miami Springs Senior High School (school on double sessions)	3,681	64

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

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