

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR SANDOR WIENER SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITY

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the charter school application for Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity on December 12, 2001, and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five (5) 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.

Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity will be located at 20000 NW 47th Court, Opa-Locka, Florida 33055. The Association for Retarded Citizens will operate the school. The charter school will serve a maximum of 36 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 5, who exhibit severe developmental delays and medical issues, with 30 students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 2 in its first year of operation.

The following is the initial Board of Directors for Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity: Ms. Helen Salazar-Realini, CFG, Independent Practice; Dr. William Kirsh, CEO, Eappeal Solution; Mr. Paul Feldman, attorney; Ms. Bethany Jean Sands, Educational Consultant; Mr. Michael Messer, Association for Retarded Citizens; and Ms. Vickie Burley, Association for Retarded Citizens.

Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity 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)
Carol City Elementary	958	121
Lake Stevens Elementary	549	119
Miami Gardens Elementary	460	123
North County Elementary	532	102
North Glade Elementary	565	108
Skyway Elementary	787	125

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 Sandor Wiener School of Opportunity, for a period of five years, commencing on the first day of the 2002-2003 school year.

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