

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF UTD-EDISON CHARTER SCHOOLS' LOCATION

On December 13, 2000, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved two charter school applications for the establishment of nine UTD-Edison Charter Schools and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreements with the applicant. The approved applications stipulate that UTD-Edison Schools will identify areas where schools are most needed to relieve overcrowding. The School Board agreed to waive 4% of the 5% statutorily permitted administrative fee in exchange for compliance with all the following conditions:

1. UTD-Edison Schools will not use the credit rating of the district or its tax-exempt status to finance the new schools (i.e., the district will not be the issuer of the securities).
2. The charter school properties will be newly constructed or renovated, and not third party leases.
3. The district will agree to the locations where UTD-Edison Schools develop the charter schools.
4. Under the terms of the financing, the district will have the right of first refusal to acquire the school properties in the event of default.
5. The schools will be built in accordance with State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) or the Florida Building Code including Section 423, and the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 7, 2002, to review a site submitted by UTD-Edison Schools, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for acceptance of the proposed site to the Superintendent of Schools. The proposed site is as follows:

Location:	14427 NW 60 Avenue, Miami Lakes, Florida
Grade Levels:	K-8 or 6-8
Number of Students:	1600
Recommendation:	Approve

The School Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate with the approved applicant the charter school contractual agreements which reflect the content of the applications, as approved by the School Board, and in compliance with Florida Statutes and Florida Board of Education Rule. Such charter school contractual agreements will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

The 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	Permanent Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Program Capacity)
Miami Lakes Elementary	1,140	117
North Glade Elementary	556	106
North Twin Lakes Elementary	797	100
Palm Lakes Elementary	1,119	111
Palm Springs North Elementary	2,245	121
Hialeah Middle	1,259	94
Lake Stevens Middle	1,612	109
Miami Lakes Middle	1,674	105
Palm Springs Lake Middle	1,903	104

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the charter school location recommended for approval by the Superintendent.

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