

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF A REDUCTION TO ONE PERCENT FROM THE FIVE PERCENT STATUTORILY PERMITTED ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, THE PROPOSED SITE, AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR AVENTURA CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved the charter school application for Aventura Charter Elementary School on December 12, 2001, and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate the charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of 15 years commencing with the 2003-2004 school year. The approved application stipulates that the Aventura Charter Elementary School will be placed in an area approved by the District. The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on March 20, 2002, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school location and the charter school contractual agreement, and agreed to waive 4% of the 5% statutorily permitted administrative fee in exchange for compliance with all of the following conditions:

1. The City of Aventura will not use the credit rating of the district or its tax-exempt status to finance the school (i.e., the District will not be the issuer of the securities).
2. The charter school facility will be newly constructed or renovated, and not a third party lease.
3. The District will agree to the school location.
4. The District will have the right of first refusal to acquire the school property in the event of default or breach of the terms of the charter school contractual agreement.
5. The school will be built in accordance with State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), the Florida Building Code, including Section 423, and the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Aventura Charter Elementary School will be located at 3333 NE 188 Street, Aventura, Florida 33180. 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 fifth, commencing with the first year of operation.

The City of Aventura Commission will function as the school founder and the governing board. The Commission members are as follows: Mr. Jeffrey M. Perlow, Mayor; Mr. Ken Cohen, Vice-Mayor; Mr. Arthur Berger, Commissioner; Mr. Jay R. Beskin, Commissioner; Mr. Harry Holzberg, Commissioner; Mr. Manny Grossman, Commissioner; and Ms. Patricia Rogers-Libert, Commissioner.

**REPLACEMENT
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The Aventura Charter Elementary 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 Capacity)	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
V.A. Boone Elementary	1,076	139	133	8
G. Edelman Elementary	958	116	109	11
Fulford Elementary	787	127	113	5
Greynolds Park Elem.	1,404	165	117	15
Madie Ives Elementary	1,128	205	142	11
Ojus Elementary	861	157	128	6

Source: M-DCPS Report T0500P08-R1 dated 3/2/02

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:

1. approve a reduction to 1% from the 5% statutorily permitted administrative fee in exchange for compliance with all of the five required conditions;
2. approve the charter school location; and
3. approve the charter school contractual agreement with Aventura Charter Elementary School, for a period of 15 years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year.

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