

Education
Mercedes Tournal, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH CO-OP CHARTER SCHOOL

As per Section 228.056(10)16(c), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the Sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

Youth Co-Op Charter School has requested an increase in its enrollment capacity from 300 to 525 students, the addition of grades kindergarten through fifth, to the current grades six through eighth, and an extension of the term of their contractual agreement for 10 years through school year 2007-2008. Other minor modifications to the terms of their contractual agreement have also been included to reflect recent revisions to the boilerplate. The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on March 20, 2002, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the amendment to the charter school contractual agreement.

The original charter school contractual agreement was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 13, 1998, for a 3-year period, and subsequently extended to five years through the 2002-2003 school year.

Youth Co-Op Charter School is 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 Program Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
Hialeah Gardens Elementary	1,635	142	114	13
E.R. Graham Elementary	2,450	153	107	34
Ben Sheppard Elementary	1,726	172	110	37

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent Capacity)	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Program Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
H.H. Filer Middle	1,606	115	90	14
Jose Marti Middle	1,988	146	103	23
Palm Springs Middle	1,927	151	106	19

The following is the current Board of Directors for Youth Co-Op Charter School: Mr. Frank Valladares, Chairperson; Mr. Peter Bernal, Member; Mr. Luis G. Diaz, Member; Ms. Ania Diaz, Member; Mr. Fidel Garcia, Jr., Member; Mr. Mario Hernandez-Fumero, Member; Mr. Gerald Kouri, Jr., Member; Mr. Jose Riesco, Member; Ms. Maria Rodriguez, Member; Ms. Alicia Sante, Member; and Mr. Francisco Sitjes, Member.

A copy of the amendment to the Amended 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 amendment to the Amended Charter School Contractual Agreement for Youth Co-Op Charter School beginning with the 2002-2003 school year to:

1. increase its enrollment capacity to 525 students;
2. add grades Kindergarten through fifth; and
3. extend the term for an additional 5 years through the 2007-2008 school year.

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