

Education  
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH ASPIRA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL FOR A 15-YEAR PERIOD**

As per Section 228.056(10)16(b), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed every five school years and, after demonstrating exemplary academic programming and fiscal management, is eligible for a 15-year charter renewal. ASPIRA Youth Leadership Charter School was founded by ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., and commenced operations during the 1999-2000 school year under a three-year contractual agreement. The charter school has requested an increase in its enrollment capacity, from 300 to 450 students and that the contractual agreement be renewed for a 15-year period, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on March 20, 2002, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the renewal of the charter school contractual agreement.

ASPIRA Youth Leadership Charter School is open to any student in grades six through nine 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
T. Jefferson Middle	1,125	109	89	12
J.F.K. Middle	2,050	127	109	8
North Miami Middle	1,896	144	113	13
Westview Middle	1,263	141	105	11
N. Miami Beach Sr.	2,735	116	105	14
N. Miami Senior	3,152	124	101	21

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

The current Board of Directors of ASPIRA Youth Leadership Charter School is: Ms. Victoria Hernandez, Chairperson; Mr. Raul Martinez, Member; and Mr. Lee Ramos, Member.

A copy of the renewal of the 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 in the Citizen Information Center.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. renew the amended charter school contractual agreement with ASPIRA Youth Leadership Charter School for a 15-year period through the 2016-2017 school year; and
2. increase the enrollment capacity from 300 to 450 students commencing with the 2002-2003 school year.

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