

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of May 15, 2002

May 6, 2002

Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: REVIEW AND AMEND BOARD RULE 6Gx13-6A-1.47,  
CHARTER SCHOOLS (K-12), TO REFLECT NEW STRATEGIC  
OBJECTIVES AND CHANGES IN FLORIDA STATUTE**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has embraced the development of Charter Schools in this school district since the Florida legislature created enabling legislation in 1996. Here in Miami-Dade, charter schools have met a need in reducing overcrowding and providing parents with an option for their child's schooling.

The school district's pro-active management and oversight of existing charter schools through the Division of Schools of Choice has also proven to provide a positive working relationship between individual school operators and the school district. As a result, the schools in operation have been a partner in the success of the educational mission of Miami-Dade County Schools.

The School Board now finds itself with a unique opportunity to further develop its strategy for partnership with charter schools. At its April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the school board accepted a staff briefing paper entitled "*The Impact of Public Charter Schools in Miami-Dade County*" which presented various recommendations for enhancing the school district's policies regarding charter schools. Additionally, the state legislature has revised the Florida Educational Code which will have an impact on the creation of new charter schools.

Details of this item will be forthcoming.

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**ITEM WITHDRAWN**  
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