

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH DADE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

The School Board approved the charter school application submitted for North Dade Community Charter School by Chancellor Beacon Academies, on December 12, 2001, and authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of ten (10) years beginning with the 2002-2003 school year.

On February 27, 2002, Mr. Wade T. Dyke, Executive Vice President of Chancellor Beacon Academies, provided Miami-Dade County Public Schools with written notification that they were formally withdrawing from the project. On March 6, 2002, Ms. Sharon "Dee" Donald, Executive Director of North Dade Community Development Corporation, founder of the North Dade Community Charter School, confirmed to Miami-Dade County Public Schools', Division of Schools of Choice, of the dissolution of the agreement between the school and Chancellor Beacon Academies.

On April 3, 2002, an amended application was submitted by Academica Corporation on behalf of North Dade Community Charter School. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Charter School District Review Committee met on April 15, 2002, to review the amended application for North Dade Community Charter School. By a majority vote, the committee made a recommendation for approval of the amended application to the Superintendent of Schools.

North Dade Community Charter School will serve up to 600 students enrolled in grades kindergarten through five, with 450 students enrolled in the first year of operation. The charter school will be located at 13850 NW 26 Avenue, Opa-Locka, Florida 33054. The governing board will operate this charter school through a management contract with Academica Corporation, Mr. Fernando Zulueta, President.

North Dade Community Charter School will be open to any student in grades kindergarten through five 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
Bunche Park Elem.	511	116	109	4
B. Franklin Elem.	785	138	110	12
Opa-Locka Elem.	652	98	92	11
Rainbow Park Elem.	660	97	94	4
Westview Elementary	597	111	107	5
N. B. Young Elem.	502	105	105	2

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

The governing board for North Dade Community Charter School is: Ms. Sharon "Dee" Donald, North Dade Community Development Corporation; Ms. Sylvia Walker Boks, Tiny Tots Program; and Ms. Thayla Watkins, Educator.

Copies of the charter school application will be placed on file, and will be available for inspection in the School Board Members' office, the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and in the Citizen Information Center.

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

1. the amended application for North Dade Community Charter School application; and
2. the charter school contractual agreement with North Dade Community Charter School for a period of ten years, commencing on the first day of the 2002-2003 school year.

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