

Education  
 Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE AMENDED CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH WORK AMERICA, INC.**

As per Section 228.056(10)16(b), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed every five school years. Rosa Parks Community School was founded by Work America, Inc. a non-profit organization organized under the laws of the State of Florida. The charter school commenced operations during the 1999-2000 school year under a contractual agreement for a three-year period. The charter school has requested that: the contractual agreement be renewed for a five-year period commencing with the 2002-2003 school year; the grade configuration be changed from grades four through six to kindergarten through eight; the enrollment capacity be increased to 600 students by year five of the contract; the school relocate to a facility at 315 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida; and the name of the school be changed to Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on April 15, 2002, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the renewal of the amended charter school contractual agreement.

Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City will be open to any student in grades kindergarten through eight residing in Miami-Dade County. District schools in close proximity to the charter school at its proposed location include:

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent Capacity)	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Program Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
Campbell Drive Elem.	1,098	121	109	21
Florida City Elem.	993	140	99	18
West Homestead Elem.	926	105	99	8
Laura C. Saunders Elementary	1,147	113	107	3

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent Capacity)	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Program Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
Campbell Drive Middle	1,380	91	91	0
Homestead Middle	1,382	152	134	7

Source: M-DCPS Report T0500P08-R1 dated March 2, 2002

The current Board of Directors for Rosa Parks Community Charter School is: Ms. Denise Straham, Chairperson; Mr. Anthony DeSilva, Member; Ms. Wanda Fort, Member; Ms. Selena Jones, Member; Ms. Devonda Maulsby, Member; and Mr. Edwin Norwood, Jr., 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, approve the following starting with school year 2002-2003:

1. renew the charter school contractual agreement with Work America, Inc. for a five-year period through school year 2007-2008;
2. change the grade configuration from grades four through six to grades kindergarten through eight;
3. increase student enrollment to 600 by year five of the contract;
4. relocate to a facility at 315 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida; and
5. change the school name to Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City.

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