

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. ON BEHALF OF THE THEODORE R. AND THELMA A. GIBSON CHARTER SCHOOL

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved a charter school application on February 13, 2002. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of ten years commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on May 3, 2002, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement for The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School.

The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School will be located at 3629 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133. The governing board will operate the school through a management contract with Academica Corporation, Mr. Fernando Zulueta, President. The charter school will serve a maximum of 600 students enrolled in grades kindergarten through six, with a maximum of 200 students enrolled in grades kindergarten through four in the first year of operation.

The following is the Board of Directors of The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School: Mrs. Thelma A. Gibson, Community Leader; Ms. Edith Georgi Houlihan, Attorney; Dr. Robert Moore, Educator; Mr. Manuel "Manny" J. Rodriguez, Florida Power & Light Co.; Ms. Sondra Wallace, Educator; Rabbi Dr. Herbert M. Baumgard, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and a parent representative of the school's EESAC Committee.

The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School will be open to any student in grades kindergarten through six 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
G.W. Carver Elem.	611	126	126	2
Coconut Grove Elem.	382	118	118	1

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent Capacity)	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
Coral Gables Elem.	769	135	131	3
Silver Bluff Elem.	738	119	109	9
Ponce de Leon Middle	1,472	122	122	0
Shenandoah Middle	1,568	117	106	5

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

Section 228.056, Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement between the charter school and the Sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

Copies of this 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: Recognizing that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has previously approved this application, it is recommended that the Board grant approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, Inc. on behalf of The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year.

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