

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTH DADE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON BEHALF OF NORTH DADE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approved a charter school application on May 15, 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 29, 2002, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with North Dade Community Development Corporation.

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

The following is the Board of Directors for North Dade Community Charter School: Ms. Sharon "Dee" Donald, North Dade Community Development Corporation and Ms. Sylvia Walker Boks, Tiny Tots Program.

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.	508	115	108	4
B. Franklin Elem.	801	141	112	12
Opa-Locka Elem.	644	97	90	11
Rainbow Park Elem.	663	97	94	4

School	Student Population	Percentage Utilization (Permanent Capacity)	Percentage Utilization (Permanent and Relocatable Capacity)	Number of Relocatables
Westview Elem.	606	113	109	5
N.B. Young Elem.	494	103	103	2

Source: M-DCPS Report T0500P08-R1dated April 27, 2002

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 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: 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 North Dade Development Corporation on behalf of North Dade Community Charter School, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year.

MB:dcr