

Mercedes Tournal, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD DENIAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR PLANET KIDZ, EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS
LEARNING CENTER, INC., ON BEHALF OF PLANET KIDZ**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

On September 19, 2003, M-DCPS Charter School Technical Assistance Team reviewed the application for Planet Kidz and identified a number of concerns. On October 6, 2003, a second opportunity was provided to the applicant to address these concerns, and on October 13, 2003, a revised application was submitted to the district. The revised application was again reviewed by the members of the Technical Assistance Team who had initially identified the concerns; however, it was determined that the concerns had not been satisfactorily addressed.

On October 20, 2003, M-DCPS Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for Planet Kidz and also determined that the concerns had not been satisfactorily addressed. As such, the application submitted by Planet Kidz, Exceptional Students Learning Center, Inc., on behalf of Planet Kidz is being recommended for denial at this time.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Mr. Jesse Carbo, Educator; Ms. Clarissa Carbo, Medical Practitioner; Ms. Miriam Carlotta Arthur, Educational Administrator; and Ms. Lissa Gonzalez, Educational Administrator.

Copies of the charter school application and the evaluators' votes will be submitted to the School Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and in the Citizen Information Center.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, deny the charter school application submitted by Planet Kidz, Exceptional Students Learning Center, Inc., on behalf of Planet Kidz.

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