

Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer
and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER
SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR ACTING FOR ALL, INC., ON BEHALF
OF ACADEMY OF ARTS & MINDS AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS**

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 October 20, 2003, M-DCPS Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for Academy of Arts & Minds and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

The charter school proposes to serve a maximum of 500 students in grades nine through twelve, with 300 students in grades nine and ten in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year, at a facility located between Main Highway and Grand Avenue in the Coconut Grove area.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Mr. Daniel Medvedov, Artist and Educator; Mr. Chuny Montaner, Broadcasting Executive; Mr. Jorge Guerra, Artist and Educator; Mr. Manuel Alonso-Poch, Attorney; and Dr. José Noy, Physician.

Any pending issues identified by the Charter School District Review Committee in the recommended application, including minimizing the impact on district schools that are under-enrolled, will be addressed satisfactorily in the development of the charter school contractual agreement. The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

Copies of the charter school application 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:

1. approve the application for Acting for All, Inc., on behalf of Academy of Arts & Minds; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year, which reflects the contents of the application, as approved by the School Board.

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