

May 31, 2005

Rudolph F. Crew, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL
 CONTRACT WITH ROSA PARKS CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., ON
 BEHALF OF ROSA PARKS CHARTER SCHOOL/FLORIDA CITY**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, states that a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 23, 1999, for a term of three years, commencing with the 1999-2000 school year. The contractual agreement was renewed on May 15, 2002, for a term of five years pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)(b), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools. A first amendment was approved on August 20, 2003, to operate a second campus and change the name of the contracting party.

Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City is located at 713 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034, and serves approximately 135 students in grades kindergarten through eight. In the 2003-2004 school year, the school received a grade of "D" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The most recent financial audit revealed five audit findings. The school is managed by Work America, Incorporated.

Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City has requested a second amendment to allow the school to become a public employer.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on April 12, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school renewal contract with Rosa Parks Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City.

Copies of the amendment to the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to School Board Members under separate cover and are available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the second amendment to the charter school renewal contract with Rosa Parks Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Rosa Parks Charter School/Florida City, to become a public employer commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2007, and concludes in the 2006-2007 school year.

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