

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

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH
 AMENDMENT TO 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**

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 The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 19, 2002, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. Subsequent amendments have allowed for a deferral to open the school, an increase in grade levels, an increase in enrollment capacity, and the use of a temporary facility.

The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School is located at 3629 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133, and serves approximately 33 students in grades six and seven. In the 2003-2004 school year, the school did not receive a grade under Florida's A+ Plan for Education because it did not meet the criteria for the minimum number of students tested. The most recent financial audit revealed one audit finding. The school is managed by Academica Corporation.

The Theodore R. and Thelma A. Gibson Charter School has requested a fourth amendment to allow the school to operate a second campus at 3634 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on April 12, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the fourth amendment to 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.

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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 fourth amendment to 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, to operate a second campus at 3634 Grand Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

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