

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

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER  
                  SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LIFE SKILLS  
                  CENTER DADE COUNTY, INC., ON BEHALF OF LIFE SKILLS  
                  CENTER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE:    INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Section 1002.33(7), 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.

On December 15, 2004, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Life Skills Center Miami-Dade County. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on April 12, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Life Skills Center Dade County, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center Miami-Dade County.

The school will be located at 3535 NW Seventh Avenue, Miami, Florida 33127-3307. The charter school will serve a maximum of 600 students who have dropped out of school, in grades 10 through 12, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year. There will be a maximum of 300 students in its first year of operation. The school will be managed by White Hat Management and will observe a 12-month calendar.

Copies of 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:** Recognizing that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has previously approved the charter school application, it is recommended that the Board grant approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Life Skills Center Dade County, Inc., on behalf of Life Skills Center Miami-Dade County, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year.

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