## **Boca Raton Charter School**

1295 N.E. 4th Court Boca Raton, Florida 33432

School District of Palm Beach County Department of Charter Schools Sherry Morris 3308 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite C-206 West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

July 1, 2005

Dear Ms. Morris,

Thank you for all your support with regard to opening Boca Raton Charter School.

As you are aware, BRCS was in partnership with a local hospital to provide our facility through a workplace partnership. The hospital requested a delayed opening until August 2005 in order to successfully negotiate a lease with FAU Research and Development Park.

In January 2005, real estate negotiations failed between the hospital and FAU leaving us without a facility. In February 2005, we requested a soon-to-be-vacated surplus school district facility. In April 2005, school district officials denied our request.

On June 28, 2005 BRCS requested a lease with the school district for underutilized space. This was based on precedents set earlier in the year to lease space to charter schools, such as Montessori Academy of North Palm Beach, Charter for Life Skills Centers, and Biotech Charter at Seminole Ridge High School. We are awaiting the outcome of our request.

The 2005/06 Federal Grant application for start-up funds available through the Department of Education was delayed six weeks later than originally scheduled. We have yet to receive our first installment. Although lease opportunities were presented to BRCS negotiating a lease without funds is problematic. Combined with zoning and renovation requirements, the challenge is virtually insurmountable. These matters, although understandable, lessen the probability of opening a school in August.

There are several properties that hold promise for a delayed opening including a facility in Boca Raton. Those involved with these properties are still interested in discussing leases if the time frame for getting the properties ready is realistic.

Given these factors, we are requesting an amendment to our contract to open Boca Raton Charter School Academy in January 2006. This will provide sufficient time for us to prepare for a successful opening.

Sincerely,

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President, Boca Raton Charter School Board of Directors

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