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Downtown Miami Charter School Successfully Raises FCAT Grade to a “B”

MIAMI, Fla. (June 30, 2011) – Students, faculty and board members at [Downtown Miami Charter School](#) (DMCS) heard some very encouraging news this morning. Their school, for the first time in its history, received a “B” grade on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

"This result is a true reflection of the tireless work and dedication of our wonderful teachers, administrators, staff, students, families and board members," said Matt Gorson, board chairman of DMCS and president of the law firm Greenberg Traurig. "We are delighted at the efforts of the entire DMCS community. We will continue to work with our students to attain high achievement levels and a positive educational experience."

The Downtown Miami Charter School is a Title I school in which 91.28 percent of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Many of the students face significant challenges outside of school that can make learning difficult.

“We all believe that every student can learn, regardless of their environment,” said Sherry Hage, vice-president of education at Charter Schools USA. “These students have proven that with the focused attention of a talented and dedicated team of educators and their families, they can achieve more than they ever believed. We are so proud of everyone at Downtown Miami Charter who continues to make a significant impact on the lives of these children.”

SACS Accredited Downtown Miami Charter School is part of the Charter Schools USA Inc. (CSUSA) family of schools. CSUSA is one of the nation’s leading charter school management companies, serving kindergarten through 12th grade. CSUSA provides comprehensive management services to corporations, government entities and non-profit organizations. CSUSA schools are individually developed to meet the unique needs and requirements of the community. CSUSA educational advantages include integrated technology, parental involvement contracts, student uniforms, enforced discipline

policies, highly qualified and motivated staff, community focus and high academic performance.

Enrollment for Downtown Miami Charter School is underway. Interested parents can apply online at www.downtowncharter.org. For additional information, contact Charter Schools USA at 1-866-KIDSUSA or visit the corporate Web site at www.charterschoolsusa.com .

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