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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST  
                  AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL  
                  AGREEMENT WITH VANKARA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.  
                  ON BEHALF OF VANKARA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:    EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

As per Section 1002.33(7)(c), Florida Statutes, 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 original charter school contractual agreement with Vankara Academy Charter School, Inc., was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 13, 2002, for a term of three years commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. The school is located at 13307-11 Alexandria Drive, Opa-Locka, Florida 33054, and currently serves approximately 96 students in grades six through eight.

Vankara Academy Charter School, Inc., has requested a first amendment to allow the school to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 225 students to a maximum of 500 students, with a maximum of 350 students commencing in the 2003-2004 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on June 26, 2003, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Vankara Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Vankara Academy Charter School commencing with the 2003-2004 school year to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 225 students to a maximum of 500 students.