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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE  
                          CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
                          DORAL ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE DORAL ACADEMY**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

As per Section 1002.33(7)(b), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed every five school years, and after demonstrating exemplary academic programming and fiscal management, is eligible for a 15-year charter renewal.

The original charter school contractual agreement with The Doral Academy, Inc., was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 23, 1999, for a term of five years commencing with the 1999-2000 school year. Subsequent amendments have increased the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 350 students to the current maximum of 2,025 students.

The Doral Academy is located at 2450 NW 97 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172, and currently serves approximately 732 students in grades kindergarten through five.

Commencing with the 2004-2005 school year, the charter school has requested to renew the contractual agreement for a term of 15 years and to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 2,025 to a maximum of 2,200 students.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on November 7, 2003, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the renewal of the charter school contractual agreement.

**RECOMMENDED:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve:

1. the renewal of the charter school contractual agreement with The Doral Academy, Inc., on behalf of The Doral Academy, for a term of 15 years, beginning 2004-2005 through the 2018-2019 school year; and
2. an increase in the charter school enrollment capacity from a maximum of 2,025 to a maximum of 2,200 students.

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