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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED
 ACADEMICS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC., ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL
 FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS & TECHNOLOGIES (SIATECH)**

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 initial charter school contractual agreement for School for Integrated Academics & Technologies (SIATech) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 12, 2003, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2003-2004 school year, and subsequently amended on August 20, 2003, to defer the opening of the school until the 2004-2005 school year.

School for Integrated Academics & Technologies (SIATech) will operate two campuses located at Miami Job Corps Center, 3050 NW 183 Street, Miami, Florida 33056, and Homestead Job Corps Center, 12350 SW 285 Street, Homestead, Florida 33033, and serve a maximum of 800 students in grades nine through twelve.

School for Integrated Academics & Technologies (SIATech) has requested a second amendment which would allow the school to serve students in grades nine through twelve, commencing in its first year of operation since it may be able to obtain accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in its first year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 18, 2004, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement.

Copies of the amendment will be transmitted to the 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.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Florida School for Integrated Academics & Technologies, Inc., on behalf of School for Integrated Academics & Technologies (SIATech) to serve students in grades nine through twelve, commencing in 2004-2005 and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2008.

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