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and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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

**COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

On December 12, 2001, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Somerset Academy. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a maximum of nine charter school contractual agreements with the applicant for a term of ten years. One contractual agreement was approved by the Board on March 13, 2002.

The school will have two campuses, one located at 2601 NW 112 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33172, and a second, at NW 87 Court and NW 21 Street, Miami, Florida 33172 and will serve a maximum of 100 students in grades six through eight during the 2004-2005 school year. Commencing in the 2005-2006 school year, the school will be located at a permanent facility at SW 117 Avenue and SW 232 Street, Miami, Florida 33170, and will serve a maximum of 300 students throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2014.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on March 8, 2004, and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Charter Middle School.

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, requires that the major issues involved in the operation of charter schools be considered in advance and written into a charter school contractual agreement between the charter school and the sponsor, following a public hearing to ensure community input.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement 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:** Recognizing that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, has previously approved the charter school application, it is recommended that the Board grant approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Charter Middle School, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year and ending on June 30, 2014.

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