Mercedes Toural, Chief Education Officer and Deputy Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT:

REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI/FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY CHARTER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE:

EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

On November 19, 2003, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted by The City of North Miami on behalf of the North Miami/Florida International University Charter Senior High School. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of fifteen years.

The charter school will be located north of NE 151 Street, and east of Biscayne Boulevard, just west of Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus. The charter school will serve a maximum of 1,600 students in grades nine through twelve, with a maximum of 800 students in grades nine and ten, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2020.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on July 1, 2004, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with The City of North Miami on behalf of North Miami/Florida International University Charter Senior High School.

Section 1002.33, 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.

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 The City of North Miami on behalf of North Miami/Florida International University Charter Senior High School, for a term of fifteen years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and ending on June 30, 2020.

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