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Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE TERMINATION  
                  OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH  
                  CHILDREN FIRST CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF  
                  CHILDREN FIRST 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 charter school contractual agreement with Children First Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Children First Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 12, 2003, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year. The School Board approved the first amendment on August 21, 2002, to defer opening the school until the 2004-2005 school year.

Children First Charter School, Inc., has notified the district that it will be unable to open the school for the 2004-2005 school year. School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12), allows a one-time deferral to postpone the opening of a charter school. If the school is unable to open consistent with the beginning date of the amended charter, the approved application must be revoked and the charter terminated.

**RECOMMENDED:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the termination of the charter school contractual agreement with Children First Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Children First Charter School.

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