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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SIXTH
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH CORAL REEF MONTESSORI ACADEMY
 CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF CORAL REEF
 MONTESSORI ACADEMY 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 initial charter school contractual agreement for Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 12, 1998, for a term of three years, commencing with the 1998-1999 school year. Subsequent amendments have allowed for increases in grade levels, enrollment capacity, and extension of term. The current contract expires on June 30, 2008.

The charter school serves approximately 281 students in grades kindergarten through eight. In the 2003-2004 school year, the school received a grade of "C" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The most recent financial audit found no audit exceptions.

Coral Reef Academy Charter School has experienced delays in the construction of its permanent facility at 10853 SW 216 Street, Miami, Florida 33157. On August 20, 2003, the Board approved the relocation of the school to a facility at 10875 SW 186 Street, Miami, Florida 33157. The school continued to occupy the temporary facility throughout the 2003-2004 school year.

Due to the continued delays in commencing construction of its permanent facility, Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School has requested a sixth amendment to allow the school to continue at its present location until such time as the permanent facility is ready for occupancy.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on July 30, 2004, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the sixth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with The Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement 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: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the sixth amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy, to continue occupying the facility at 10875 SW 186 Street, Miami, Florida 33157 until its permanent facility is ready for occupancy.

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