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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR BRIDGE ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF BRIDGE ACADEMY AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

Revised

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As established in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.47, Charter Schools (K-12), Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) received charter school applications from individuals and/or organizations in the community.

On December 3, 2004, M-DCPS Charter School District Review Committee met to review the application for Bridge Academy and by a majority vote made a recommendation for approval of the application to the Superintendent of Schools.

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The charter school proposes to serve a maximum of 1,000 13th Year students (12th grade students needing to pass the FCAT), with a maximum of 240 students in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year at a facility located at 115-117 NE 54 Street, Miami, Florida 33137. Based on need, the school also proposes to serve students in a facility in the Homestead area.

The following is the Founding Board for the charter school: Bernardo A. Garcia, Educational Consultant; Jean-Rene Foureau, Educator; Jonathan L. Fried, Community Activist; Leo S. Cardona, Educator; and Georges Magny, Educator.

Any pending issues identified by the Charter School District Review Committee in the recommended application, including minimizing the impact on District schools that are under-enrolled, will be addressed satisfactorily in the development of the charter school contractual agreement. The charter school contractual agreement will be submitted for School Board consideration at a subsequent meeting at which time there will be a public hearing to provide for community input.

Added

Copies of the application are available for inspection by the public in the Office of the 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:

1. approve the application for Bridge Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridge Academy; and
2. authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year through the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year, which reflects the contents of the application as approved by the School Board.

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