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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF
THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH
PINECREST ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF PINECREST
PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As per Section 1002.33(7)(b), Florida Statutes, a charter school contractual agreement may be renewed every five school years, and in order to facilitate long-term financing for charter school construction and after demonstrating exemplary academic programming and fiscal management, is eligible for a 15-year charter renewal.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 17, 2000, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2000-2001 school year, and expiring on June 30, 2005. Subsequent amendments have allowed for modifications to the grade level configuration and enrollment capacity and the addition of two campus locations, scheduled to open in 2005-2006.

Pinecrest Preparatory Academy is located at 14301 SW 42 Street, Miami, Florida 33175 and currently serves approximately 475 students in grades kindergarten through five.

In the 2003-2004 school year, the school received a grade of "A" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The most recent financial audit revealed one audit finding.

Commencing with the 2005-2006 school year, the charter school has requested to renew the contractual agreement for a term of 15 years concluding with the 2019-2020 school year and to increase the enrollment capacity from the current maximum of 1,200 students to a maximum of 1,250 students.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 3, 2005, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation to renew the charter school contractual agreement with Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy for a term of fifteen years concluding in the 2019-2020 school year.

Copies of the renewal contract will be transmitted to the School Board under separate cover and 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 renewal of the charter school contractual agreement with Pinecrest Academy, Inc., on behalf of Pinecrest Preparatory Academy, for a term of 15 years, commencing in 2005-2006 and through the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year; and
2. increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 1,200 students to a maximum of 1,250 students.

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