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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER
SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH SWEETWATER
EDUCATION, INC., ON BEHALF OF ATLANTIC SCIENCE
ACADEMY**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Section 1002.33(7), 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.

On November 17, 2004, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Miami-Dade Charter Middle and High School. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of 10 years to facilitate access to long-term financial resources for charter school construction, pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)(a)(12), Florida Statutes. The applicant subsequently changed the name of the school to Atlantic Science Academy.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on March 7, 2005, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Sweetwater Education, Inc., on behalf of Atlantic Science Academy.

The school will be located at 635 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. The charter school will serve a maximum of 840 students in grades six through 12, with a maximum of 600 students in grades six and seven in its first year of operation, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year.

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 Sweetwater Education, Inc., on behalf of Atlantic Science Academy, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year.

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