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

**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 January 19, 2005, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Bridge Academy Charter School. The Board authorized the Superintendent to negotiate a charter school contractual agreement with the applicant for a term of five years pursuant to Section 1002.33(7)(a)(12), Florida Statutes.

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 Bridge Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridge Academy Charter School.

The school will have two campuses, one located at 115/117 NE 54 Street, Miami, Florida 33137, and a second, at 224 Washington Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030. The charter school will serve students in grade 12, who have completed all graduation requirements, but have not passed the FCAT. The school will provide remedial courses specifically designed for FCAT preparation. Bridge Academy Charter School will serve a maximum of 1000 students with a maximum of 240 students 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, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year. The school will be managed by Quantum Management, Inc.

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 Bridge Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridge Academy Charter School, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year.

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