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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER
 SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL
 CHARTER FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC., ON BEHALF OF
 SOUTH DADE CHARTER ELEMENTARY 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 December 12, 2001, the School Board approved a charter school application submitted for Chancellor Charter School at Coral Gables. 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 original founder, the Charter Foundation of Coral Gables, Inc., subsequently entered into an Agreement for the Sale and Transfer of Assets with the Educational Charter Foundation of Florida, Inc., whereby the Educational Charter Foundation of Florida, Inc., assumed responsibility for the charter school application.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on March 29, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the charter school contractual agreement with Educational Charter Foundation of Florida, Inc., on behalf of South Dade Charter Elementary School.

South Dade Charter Elementary School will be located at 18800 SW 360 Street, Homestead, Florida 33090. The charter school will serve a maximum of 750 students in grades kindergarten through five, with a maximum of 625 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, 2015, and concludes in the 2014-2015 school year. The school will be managed by Imagine Schools, formerly Chancellor Beacon Academies.

Copies of the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to 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 Educational Charter Foundation of Florida, Inc., on behalf of South Dade Charter Elementary School, 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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