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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH CORAL REEF MONTESSORI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., ON BEHALF OF CORAL REEF MONTESSORI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, states that a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 12, 1998, for a term of three years, commencing with the 1998-1999 school year. Subsequent amendments have allowed for increases in grade level configuration, enrollment capacity, relocation of the school, and extension of term.

Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School is located at 10853 SW 216 Street, Miami, Florida 33157. The school serves approximately 310 students in grades kindergarten through eight. In the 2003-2004 school year, the school received a grade of "C" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The most recent financial audit revealed three audit findings.

Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School has requested a seventh amendment to allow the school to become a public employer, commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2008, and concludes in the 2007-2008 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on March 29, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the seventh amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School.

Copies of the amendment to 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:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the seventh amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, Inc., on behalf of Coral Reef Montessori Academy Charter School, to become a public employer, commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2008, and concludes in the 2007-2008 school year.

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