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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH ACTING FOR ALL, INC., ON BEHALF OF
ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS**

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 Academy of Arts and Minds was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on February 11, 2004, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year.

Academy of Arts and Minds is located at 3138 Commodore Plaza, Miami, Florida 33133, and serves approximately 68 students in grade nine. The school is managed by Charter Schools USA.

Academy of Arts and Minds has requested a first amendment to allow the school to modify its admissions criteria by requiring students to audition for the purpose of placement in the appropriate aptitude level, commencing in 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 Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on March 29, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Acting for All, Inc., on behalf of Academy of Arts and Minds.

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 first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Acting for All, Inc., on behalf of Academy of Arts and Minds to modify its admissions criteria to require students to audition for the purpose of placement in the appropriate aptitude level, commencing in 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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