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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF
 MATER ACADEMY EAST 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 Mater Academy East Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on March 13, 2002, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2002-2003 school year.

Mater Academy East Charter School is located at 450 SW Fourth Street, Miami, Florida 33130, and currently serves approximately 383 students in grades kindergarten through seven. 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 one audit finding. The school is managed by Academica Corporation.

Mater Academy East Charter School has requested a first amendment to allow the school to reduce the grade levels from kindergarten through grade eight to kindergarten through grade five and to enter into an articulation agreement with Mater Academy East Middle School, commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 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 Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East 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 first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy East Charter School to:

1. reduce the grade levels from kindergarten through grade eight to kindergarten through grade five; and
2. enter into an articulation agreement with Mater Academy East Middle School, commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2012, and concludes in the 2011-2012 school year.

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