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SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MATER ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF MATER ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH 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 Charter High 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. A first amendment was approved on July 10, 2002, to allow the school to enter into an articulation agreement with Mater Academy.

Mater Academy Charter High School is located at 7901 NW 103 Street, Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33016, and currently serves approximately 858 students in grades nine through eleven. 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. The school is managed by Academica Corporation.

Mater Academy Charter High School has requested a second amendment to allow the school to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 1,000 students to a maximum of 1,300 students, 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 second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Charter High 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 second amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Mater Academy, Inc., on behalf of Mater Academy Charter High School to increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 1,000 students to a maximum of 1,300 students 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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