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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF
 SOMERSET ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE 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 Somerset Academy Charter Middle School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 19, 2004, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year.

Somerset Academy Charter Middle School is temporarily located at 2601 NW 112 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33172. Its permanent facility will be located at SW 117 Avenue and 232 Street, Miami, Florida 33032. The charter school serves approximately 39 students in grade six. In the 2004-2005 school year, the school received a grade of "D" under Florida's A+ Plan for Education. The governing board operates the school through a management agreement with Academica Corporation.

Due to delays in securing the necessary permits for the permanent facility, and the lack of additional space at the facility it currently occupies, Somerset Academy Charter Middle School has requested a first amendment to allow the school to relocate to a facility at 18491 SW 134 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33177, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and until such a time as its permanent facility is ready for occupancy.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 26, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Charter Middle 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 Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Charter Middle School, to relocate to a facility at 18491 SW 134 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33177 commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and until such a time as its permanent facility is ready for occupancy.

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