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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 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 Somerset Academy Charter High School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 14, 2004, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year.

Somerset Academy Charter High School originally proposed to occupy its current location at 11100 NW 27 Street and 2601 NW 112 Avenue, Doral, Florida 33172 (contiguous properties) for the duration of the 2004-2005 school year. Its permanent facility will be located at SW 117 Avenue and 232 Street, Miami, Florida 33032. The charter school serves approximately 28 students in grade nine. In the 2004-2005 school year, the school did not receive a grade because there were fewer than 30 students in grade nine. 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, Somerset Academy Charter High School has requested a first amendment to allow the school to remain at the current location 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 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 first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Academy Charter High School, to remain at the current location until such a time as its permanent facility is ready for occupancy.

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