

June 29, 2005

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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF SOUTH FLORIDA CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC., ON BEHALF OF EARLY BEGINNINGS ACADEMY – CIVIC CENTER

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 Early Beginnings Academy - Civic Center was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 13, 2005, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year.

Early Beginnings Academy - Civic Center will be located at 1411 NW 14 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33125, and will serve a maximum of 68 prekindergarten students in Exceptional Student Education programs in its first year of operation. The governing board will operate the school through a management agreement with United Cerebral Palsy of Miami.

Early Beginnings Academy - Civic Center has requested a first amendment to allow the school to serve kindergarten and increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 68 students to a maximum of 80 students, commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2009, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year.

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 United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center.

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.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida Charter Schools, Inc., on behalf of Early Beginnings Academy – Civic Center, to add kindergarten and increase the enrollment capacity from a maximum of 68 students to a maximum of 80 students commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year.

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