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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH LAWRENCE ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF LAWRENCE ACADEMY**

**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 Lawrence Academy was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 13, 2005, for a term of 10 years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year.

The charter school will be located at 777 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034, and will serve a maximum of 120 students in grades six and seven in its first year of operation. The governing board will operate the school.

Lawrence Academy has requested a first amendment to allow the school to increase the enrollment capacity during its first three years of operation, from a maximum of 120 students to a maximum of 150 students in 2005-2006, from a maximum of 220 students to a maximum of 250 students in 2006-2007, and from a maximum of 320 students to a maximum of 350 students in 2007-2008.

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 Lawrence Academy, Inc., on behalf of Lawrence Academy.

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 Lawrence Academy, Inc., on behalf of Lawrence Academy, to increase the enrollment capacity during its first three years of operation, from a maximum of 120 students to a maximum of 150 students in 2005-2006, from a maximum of 220 students to a maximum of 250 students in 2006-2007, and from a maximum of 320 students to a maximum of 350 students in 2007-2008.

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