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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
 AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
 AGREEMENT WITH SWEETWATER EDUCATION, INC., ON
 BEHALF OF ATLANTIC SCIENCE 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 Atlantic Science 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.

Atlantic Science Academy will be located at 635 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, and will serve a maximum of 600 students in grades six and seven in its first year of operation. The governing board will operate the school.

Atlantic Science Academy has requested a first amendment to defer the opening of the school for a period of up to three years, that is, no later than the 2008-2009 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on May 26, 2005, and by a majority vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Sweetwater Education, Inc., on behalf of Atlantic Science 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 Sweetwater Education, Inc., on behalf of Atlantic Science Academy, to defer the opening of the school for up to three years, until the 2008-2009 school year.