

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 SPIRIT CITY ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF SPIRIT CITY 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 Spirit City Academy was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on May 18, 2005, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year.

The charter school will serve a maximum of 250 students in grades six through eight in its first year of operation. The governing board will operate the school.

The school originally proposed to be located at 295 NW 199 Street, Miami Gardens, Florida 33169. As the school has not been successful in securing the necessary permits, Spirit City Academy has requested a first amendment to allow the school to open at a facility located at 3400 NW 135 Street, Opa-locka, Florida 33054, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year and continuing throughout the term of the contract which ends on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on June 23, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Spirit City Academy, Inc., on behalf of Spirit City 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.

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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 Spirit City Academy, Inc., on behalf of Spirit City Academy, to open at a facility located at 3400 NW 135 Street, Opa-locka, Florida 33054, commencing in the 2005-2006 school year and throughout the term of the contract which expires on June 30, 2010, and concludes in the 2009-2010 school year.

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