Office of Superintendent of Schools Board Meeting of July 13, 2005

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SUBJECT:

REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF BRIDGE ACADEMY CHARTER 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 Bridge Academy Charter School 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.

The charter school will serve a maximum of 240 students in grade 12 in its first year of operation. The governing board will operate the school through a management agreement with Quantum Management, Inc.

The school will have two campuses, one located at 115/117 NE 54 Street, Miami, Florida 33137, and a second, at 224 Washington Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030. As the school has not been successful in securing the necessary permits for the north campus, Bridge Academy Charter School has requested a first amendment to allow the school to open its north campus at a facility located at 8325 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33138, 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 May 26, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Bridge Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridge Academy Charter 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 Bridge Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridge Academy Charter School, to open its north campus at a facility located at 8325 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33138, 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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