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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL TO TERMINATE THE
 CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR BRIDGE
 ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF BRIDGE ACADEMY CHARTER
 SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The initial charter school contractual agreement with Bridge Academy, Inc., on behalf of 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. Bridge Academy Charter School proposed to open at two campuses, 115/117 NE 54 Street, Miami, Florida 33137, and 224 Washington Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030. The contract was amended on July 13, 2005, to change the location of the Miami campus to 8325 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33138. The school had a verified enrollment of 6 students in grade 12 as of August 1, 2005.

As of August 1, 2005, Bridge Academy failed to provide a Certificate of Occupancy for the facilities, thus jeopardizing the safety of students and staff. As such, the school was not allowed to open for the 2005-2006 school year. The school is also in default of the contractual agreement by virtue of:

- failing to provide precise and thorough information on the charter school application;
- failing to provide the District with a list of instructional staff certified as required by Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes;
- failing to provide the District with access to school records;
- enrolling students without obtaining, or providing evidence of, parental or student consent for enrollment; and
- enrolling students who did not meet the criteria for enrollment at the charter school, that is, grade 12 students who had met all graduation requirements, but did not pass the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, terminate the charter school contractual agreement with Bridge Academy, Inc., on behalf of Bridge Academy Charter School, effective ab initio (from the beginning).