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Curriculum, Instruction, and School Improvement

**SUBJECT:       REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL TO RELOCATE  
                  STUDENTS AT LAWRENCE ACADEMY**

**COMMITTEE:   INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Lawrence Academy, Inc., on behalf of 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 contract was amended on July 13, 2005, to increase the enrollment capacity in its first year of operation.

Lawrence Academy proposed to open at 777 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034; however, the school experienced difficulties in completing the necessary repairs in time for the opening of schools. Consequently, the school is temporarily serving the students in a facility located at the Workforce Youth Opportunity Center, 751 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034. As of August 15, 2005, Lawrence Academy had an enrollment of 60 students in grades six and seven. This temporary arrangement will be in place for a period of approximately three months until its permanent facility is ready for occupancy.

**RECOMMENDED:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the temporary relocation of Lawrence Academy to 751 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida 33034, commencing with the 2005-2006 school year.

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