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**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE TERMINATION
OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH
THE UNITED PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE 8.5 SQUARE MILE
AREA, INC., ON BEHALF OF LAS PALMAS CHARTER SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Las Palmas Charter School was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on February 11, 2004, for a term of five years, commencing with the 2004-2005 school year. The first amendment was approved on July 14, 2004, to change the location of the school. The second amendment was approved on August 18, 2004, to defer the opening of the school for one year until the 2005-2006 school year.

Las Palmas Charter School was unable to secure a facility in time to open the school for the 2005-2006 school year. School Board Rule 6Gx13-6A -1.47, Charter Schools (K-12) allows a one-time deferral to postpone the opening of a charter school. If the school is unable to open consistent with the date of the amended charter, the approved application must be revoked and the charter terminated.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee (CRC) met on August 18, 2005, and by a unanimous vote, made a recommendation for the termination of the charter school contractual agreement with The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., on behalf of Las Palmas Charter School.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, grant approval of the termination of the charter school contractual agreement with The United Property Owners of the 8.5 Square Mile Area, Inc., on behalf of Las Palmas Charter School.

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